

## FELLOWSHIP



### Philippians 1:27

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are **standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,**

**One spirit, one mind, with one purpose**

And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but **you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,** built on **the foundation** of the apostles and prophets, **Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,** in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. **In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.**

### Ephesians 2:12-22

remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near **by the blood of Christ.** For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself **one new man** in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

### Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to **walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,** with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit--just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call--one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. **But grace was given to each one of us** according to the measure of Christ's gift.....

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to **equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ**, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

Rather, **speaking the truth in love**, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, **makes the body grow** so that it builds itself up in love.

## God's People on God's Mission for God's Glory

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Hebrews 10:24-25

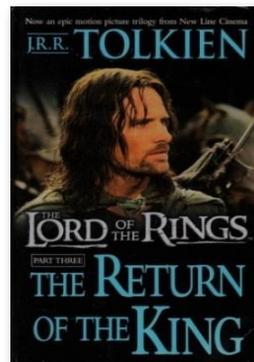
And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

John 13:35

"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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#### 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Now there are varieties of gifts, but **the same Spirit**; and there are **varieties of service**, but **the same Lord**; and there are varieties of activities, but it is **the same God** who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the **common good**. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to **the same Spirit**, to another faith by **the same Spirit**, to another gifts of healing by **the one Spirit**, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. **All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit**, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.



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#### Colossians 1:3-6

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed **in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing**--as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth

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My feelings do not define truth. God's word defines  
truth.  
My feelings are echoes and responses to what my mind  
perceives and sometimes – many times – my feelings  
are out of sync with the truth.  
When that happens, and it happens every day to some  
measure I try not to bend the truth to justify my  
imperfect feelings, but rather, I plead with God:  
purify my perceptions of your truth and transform my  
feelings so that they are in sync with the truth.

John Piper