

# Fellowship With God And His People

Understanding True Christian Fellowship . . . As Defined By God



# In The New Testament:

ΚΟΙΝΩΝΙΑ

*A partnership; (implied) social relationship  
and sometimes, a financial sharing.*

ΚΟΙΝΩΝΟΣ

*Companion; partner.*

ΜΕΤΟΞΗ

*Participation.*

ΚΟΙΝΩΝΕΩ

*Partaker; sharing.*

That is the “dictionary definition” but what does it mean in actuality?

In what do we share?

In what do we participate?

How can we have fellowship with one another?

We cannot have **true fellowship** with God *or* His people if we do not understand the nature of either!

# God And His People:

The Nature Of God: *Spiritual* (John 4:24)

The Nature Of God's People: *Spiritual*

*Called His Children — Walking According to the Spirit*

(1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 3:1-4; Romans 8:1, 14)

*Called His House — Offering Up Spiritual Sacrifices;  
A Dwelling Place of God in the Spirit*

(1<sup>st</sup> Pet. 2:5; Eph. 2:21, 22; 1<sup>st</sup> Tim. 3:15)

*Spiritual: Blessings ~ Worship ~ Fight*

(Eph. 1:3; John 4:24; Eph. 6:11-13/2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 10:3-6)

# Fellowship With God:

Defined:

*Having The Same Love For Truth And Righteousness* (Psa. 89:14; 15:2)

*Having The Same Joy* (Luke 15:7; Phlp. 1:3-5)

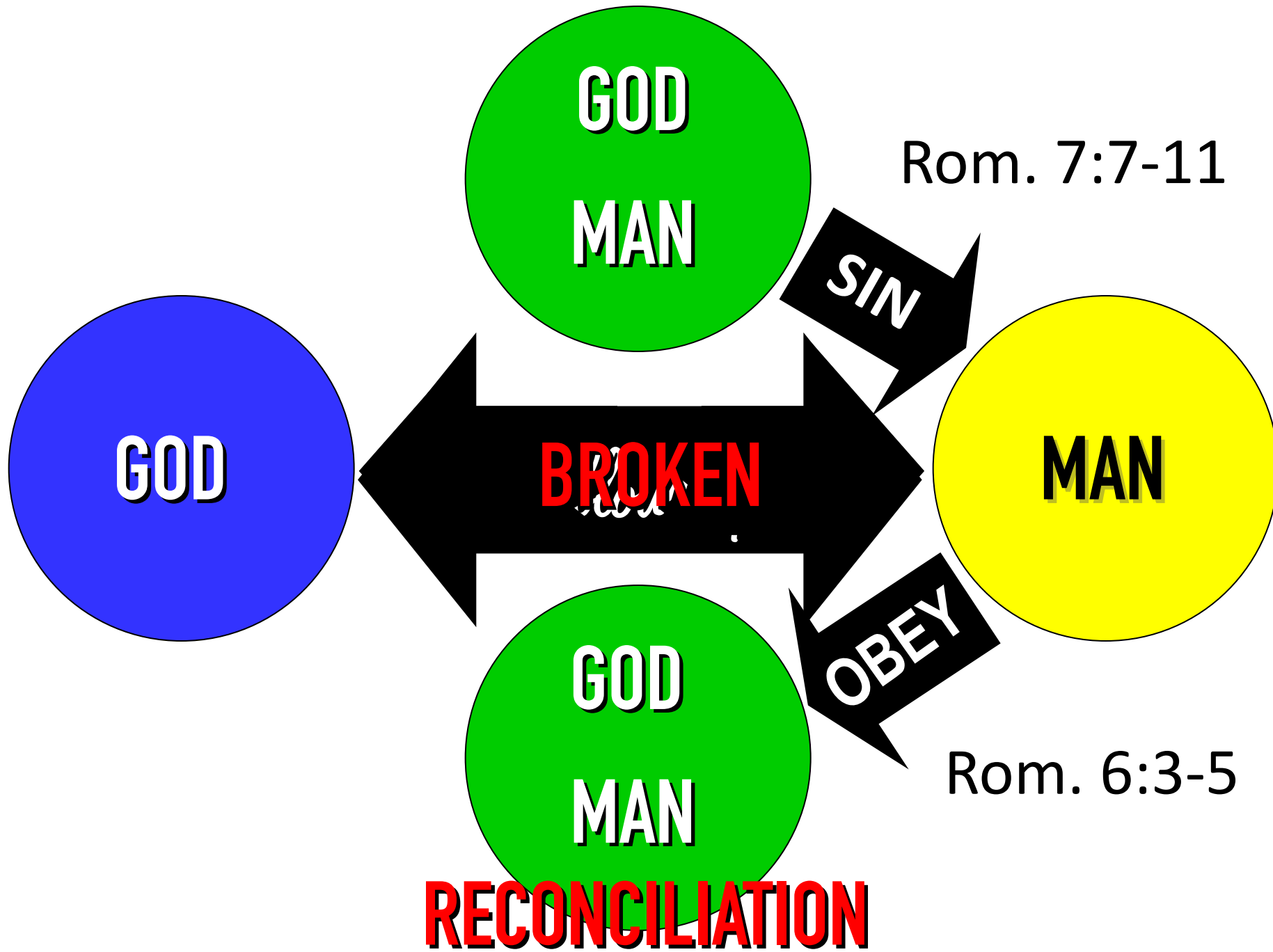
*Participating In The Same Work* (1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 3:9; 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 6:1; Mk. 16:20)

*Having The Same Purpose* (1<sup>st</sup> Tim.1:15) (Mark 2:17) (Mark 1:38)  
(Rom. 10:1) (Acts 26:20) (1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 9:16)

Fellowship Initiated: *In Christ* (Rom. 6:3-5; Col. 2:11-13)

Fellowship Continued: *Walking In The Light* (1<sup>st</sup> Jn. 1:5-7)

Fellowship Ended: *Sin* (Isa. 59:1, 2; 1<sup>st</sup> Jn. 2:4/3:24)



# Fellowship With God's People:

Defined:

*Having The Same Lord*

(Rom. 10:12)

*Part Of The Same Body*

(Eph. 3:6/4:4)

*Having The Same Mind*

(1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 1:10)

*Speaking The Same Thing*

(1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 1:10)

*Having The Same Care For One Another*

(1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 12:25)

Fellowship Initiated: *In Christ*

(1<sup>st</sup> Jn. 1:3; Acts 9:17-28)

Fellowship Continued: *Two-Fold*

(2<sup>nd</sup> Tim. 4:9, 10; 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 5)

Fellowship Ended: *Sin*

(1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 5:6-7, 11)

# Understanding Fellowship:

Defined: A *Spiritual* Partnership

The Modern Concept: *Eating Together*

What Do The Scriptures Say?

Acts 2:42 ~ *Not Here*

1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 5:11 ~ *Not Here*

1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 11:17-34 ~ *Not Here*

There is Simply NO Bible Passage That Ever  
Uses The Word '*Fellowship*' In Conjunction  
With The Eating Of A Common Meal



