



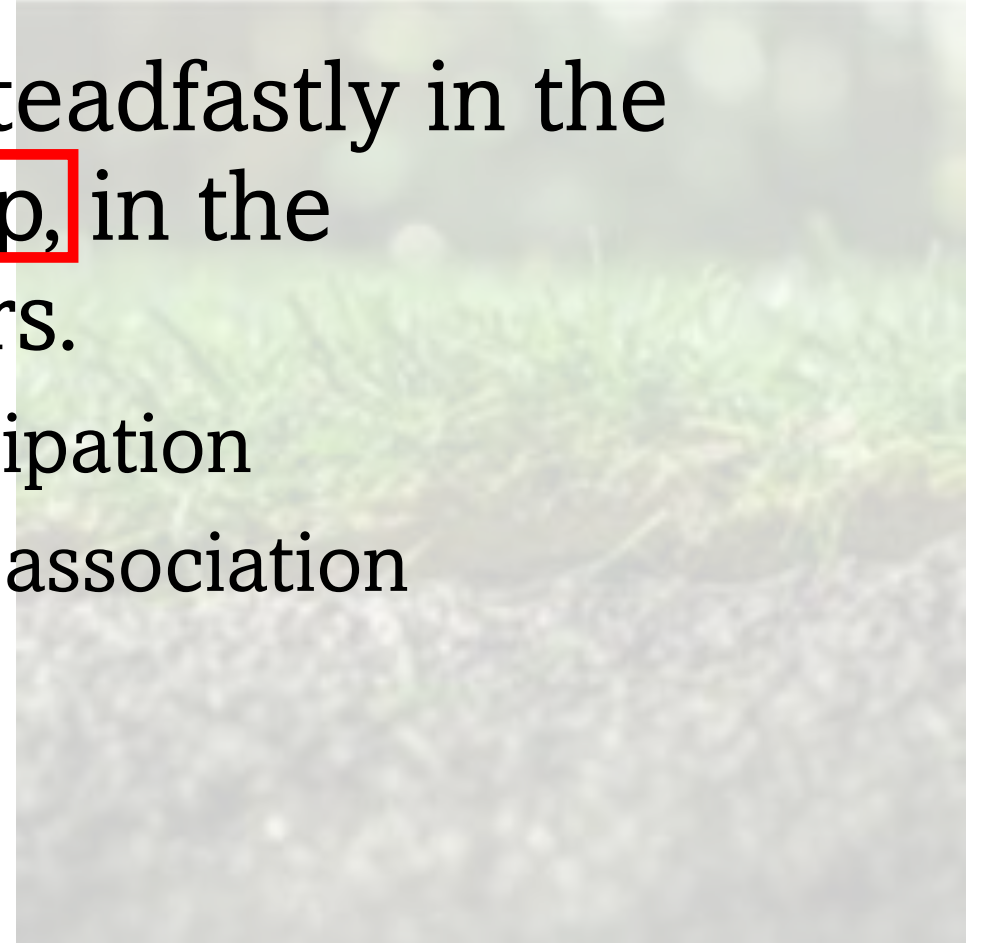
Fellowship Key to Healthy Growth

Acts 2:42-47

Devoted to Fellowship

Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

- “koinonia” partnership, joint participation
- Together in common, community, association



Fellowship with Christ

1 John 1:3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our **fellowship** *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

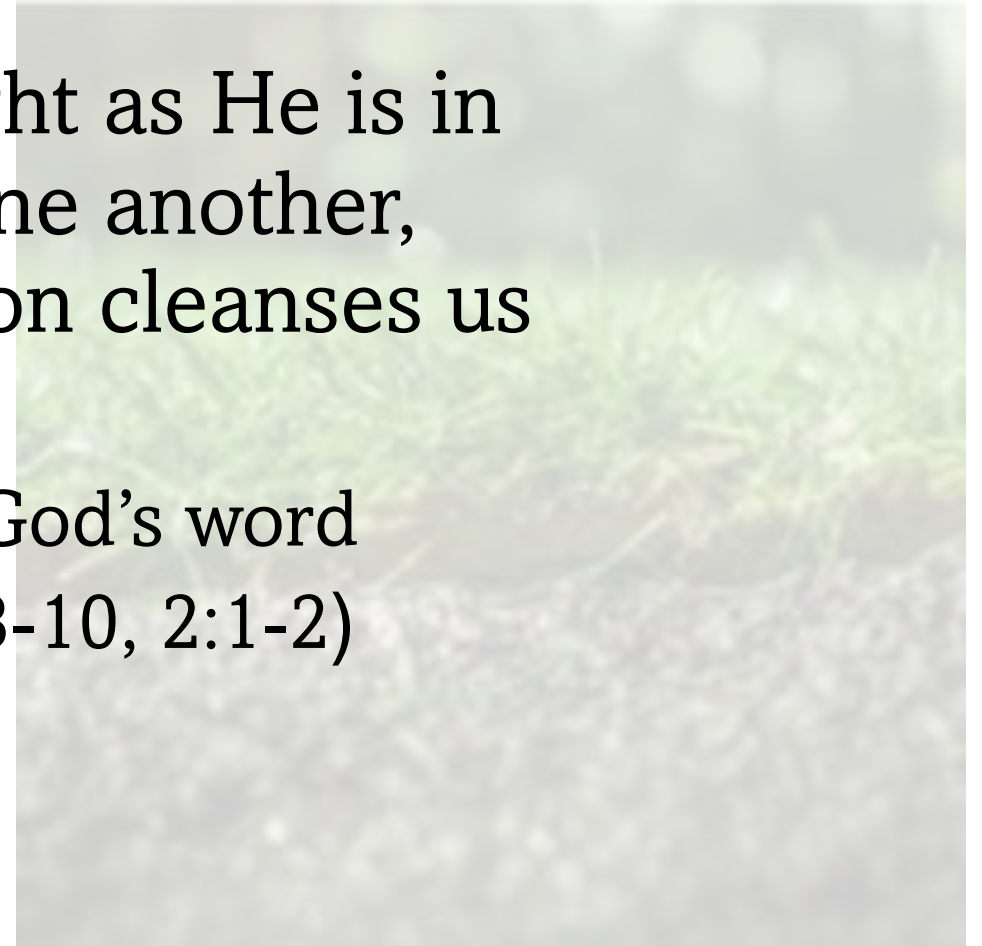
- Spiritual association between all believers whose common goal is to exalt Christ and help each other
- 1 Corinthians 1:9 God *is* faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.



Walking in the Light

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

- Walk in accordance with the light of God's word
- Confess our sins to God regularly (1:8-10, 2:1-2)



Fellowship with the Church

Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and **fellowship** in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

- Reverence for God (43)
- Regard for needs of saints (44-45)
- Commitment to assemble together (46)
- We see a strong, healthy, growing church (47)



Fellowship Builds Us Up

Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us **consider one another** in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵ not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

- “stir up” - sharpen, provoke in a good sense
- By sharing the scriptures, discussing spiritual things, praying for one another, meeting one another’s needs

Encouraging Each Other

Not forsaking assembling together, but **exhorting** one another

- “Parakaleo” one called alongside (to comfort, to encourage, to exhort)
- We take part in God’s being our comforter
(Father – 2 Cor 1:3, Son – John 14:16, Holy Spirit – John 16:7 the believer – 1 Thess 5:11)



Impediments to Fellowship

2 Corinthians 6:14 Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?

- Be careful who we associate closely with
- Together we are strong in reaching the lost
- Our first loyalty must be to one another



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