

**FACULTY OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**  
**COURSE CODE: [FCM 109]**  
**COURSE TITLE: THE POWER OF FELLOWSHIP**

**TEXT**

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Genesis3:22-24

Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”— therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

Genesis3:8-9

And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?”

**INTRODUCTION**

One of the principal consequences of the fall of Adam was the loss of fellowship with God as he was cast out of the garden. One of the principal benefits of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ is the restoration of fellowship with God. We should therefore beware of isolation. In this class we explore the power of fellowship.

## **A. WE ARE NOT ONLY CALLED TO BE SAVED, BUT WE ARE ALSO CALLED TO FELLOWSHIP**

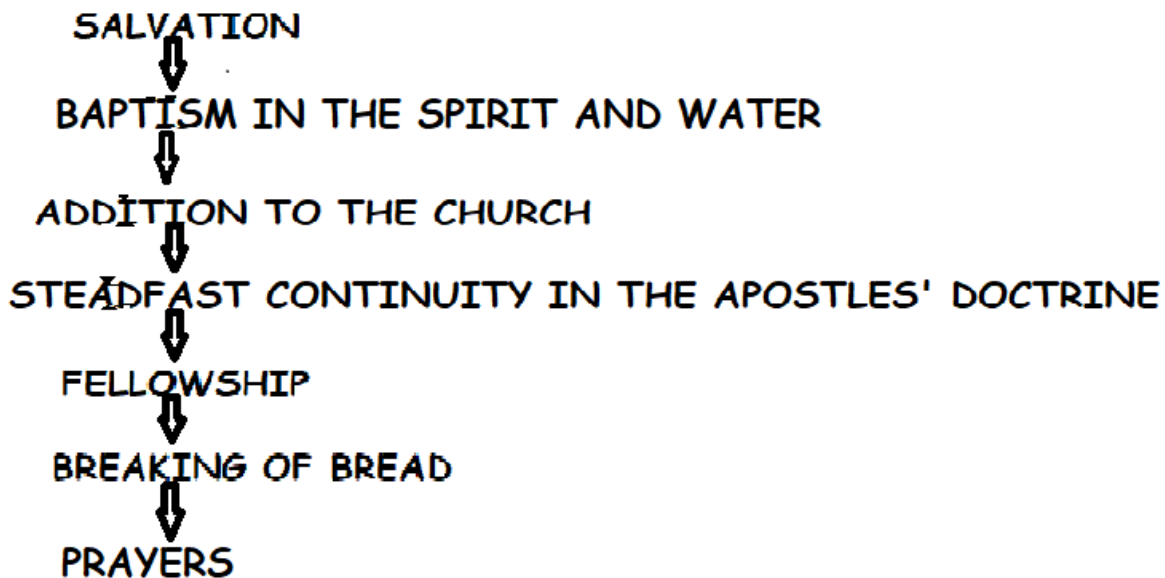
1Corinthians1:9

God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **B. SALVATION IS JUST THE FIRST SPIRITUAL STEP IN A LONG LINE OF SPIRITUAL RESPONSIBILITIES WE MUST TAKE TO ACHIEVE OUR FULL POTENTIAL IN CHRIST**

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The problem with many Christians today is that they get saved and never follow through

on the process unto maturity.

## C. THE VARIOUS TYPES OF FELLOWSHIP MENTIONED IN THE BIBLE

### 1. FELLOWSHIP OF THE SON OF GOD

1Corinthians1:9

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### 2. FELLOWSHIP OF THE SAINTS

2Corinthians8:4-6

implored us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God. So we urged Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also complete this grace in you as well.

### 3. RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP

Galatians2:9

and when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that had been given to me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.

### 4. FELLOWSHIP OF THE MYSTERY

Ephesians3:8-9

To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all see what the fellowship of the mystery is, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;

### 5. FELLOWSHIP OF THE SPIRIT

Philippians2:1

Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of

The Spirit, if any affection and mercy,

## 6. FELLOWSHIP OF THE GOSPEL

Philippians 1:5-6

for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

## 7. FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SUFFERING

Philippians 3:10

that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

## 8. FELLOWSHIP WITH THE APOSTLES AND THE FATHER GOD VIA THE WORD OF GOD.

1 John 1:1-4

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life— the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— 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. And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

## 9. FELLOWSHIP WITH THE BODY OF CHRIST, HIS CHURCH.

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## **D. FIVE WAYS TO FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD AT ENTHRONEMENT ASSEMBLY**

### **1. REGULAR ATTENDANCE OF OUR SUNDAY SERVICES.**

Isaiah66:23

And it shall come to pass that from one New Moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me,"says the LORD.

Hebrews10:25

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.

### **2. REGULAR ATTENDANCE OF OUR MIDWEEK SERVICES.**

2Corinthians13:1

This will be the third time I am coming to you. "By the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established."

### **3. REGULAR PARTICIPATION IN OUR DAILY PRAYER SERVICES.**

Acts2:46

So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,

Matthew21:13

And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a den of thieves.' "

### **4. REGULAR PARTICIPATION IN OUR WEEKLY LOVE CIRCLE IN ASSIGNED MEMBERS' HOMES**

Acts2:46

So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,

Acts20:20

how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house,

Hosea11:4

I drew them with gentle cords, with bands of love, and I was to them as those who take the yoke from their neck. I stooped and fed them.

## **5. REGULAR ATTENDANCE OF OUR PRAYER AND FASTING SERVICES EVERY MONTH [THREE DAYS OF GRACE AND GLORY].**

Isaiah66:23

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Psalms81

Make a joyful shout to the God of Jacob. Raise a song and strike the timbrel, The pleasant harp with the lute. Blow the trumpet at the time of the New Moon, At the full moon, on our solemn feast day. For this is a statute for Israel, A law of the God of Jacob. This He established in Joseph as a testimony, When He went throughout the land of Egypt, Where I heard a language I did not understand. "I removed his shoulder from the burden; His hands were freed from the baskets. You called in trouble, and I delivered you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder; I tested you at the waters of Meribah.

"Hear, O My people, and I will admonish you! O Israel, If you will listen to Me! There shall be no foreign god among you; Nor shall you worship any foreign god. I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt; Open your mouth wide and I will fill it. "But My people would not heed My voice, And Israel would have none of Me. So I gave them over to their own stubborn heart, To walk in their own counsels. Oh, that My people would listen to Me, That Israel would walk in My ways! I would soon subdue their enemies and turn My hand against their adversaries. The haters of the LORD would pretend submission to Him, But their fate would endure forever. He would have fed them also with the finest of wheat; And with honey from the rock I would have satisfied you."

## **6. LISTEN REGULARLY TO THE MESSAGE OF OUR MAN OF GOD, THE REVEREND DEJI OLABODE, IF POSSIBLE DAILY.**

1John1:1-4

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John10:27

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

Ezekiel2:2

Then the Spirit entered me when He spoke to me, and set me on my feet; and I heard Him who spoke to me.

We pray that the blessing of fellowship will be yours as you engage it in Jesus name

