

Truth in Fellowship

1 John 1:1-4

¹ What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life— ² and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us— ³ what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.

Every reference to the fellowship of our faith in this passage is a corporate reference: We; us; you all; our.

Our fellowship is gathering together around one central being- God Himself- and Jesus as the purest expression of God's nature.

All of this we experience in the Holy Spirit, who is not named, but is the avenue by which we know His presence.

1 John 1:7

⁷ but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

This verse tells us that there is a cleansing quality to real fellowship; a bringing of all things to the light for refining.

Truth itself- our understanding of it and our knowledge of God- is refined in the fires of fellowship.

Acts 2:46-47

⁴⁶ Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

"One Mind" (One Accord) is Gk. Homothumedon- a compound of two words meaning to "rush along" and "in unison"

"The image is almost musical; a number of notes are sounded which, while different, harmonize in pitch and tone. As the instruments of a great concert under the direction of a concert master, so the Holy Spirit blends together the lives of members of Christ's church." -Larry Pierce

Proverbs 27:17

¹⁷ Iron sharpens iron, So one man sharpens another.

Proverbs 18:17

¹⁷ The first to plead his case *seems* right, *Until* another comes and examines him.

Job 11:6b

For sound wisdom has two sides.

In Christ are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, but in fellowship we come to the knowledge of the truth.

3 John 13-14

¹³ I had many things to write to you, but I am not willing to write *them* to you with pen and ink; ¹⁴ but I hope to see you shortly, and we will speak face to face.