

**ACTS OF WORSHIP: FELLOWSHIP****I. THOUGHTS ON FELLOWSHIP.**

- A. The word fellowship means to have things common. The idea being that when Christians come together they have the Savior, and the church as common ground. Therefore, Christians can have fellowship.
- B. Fellowship is a very important part of the worship of God, and sadly it is often overlooked. Fellowship is the time we build one another up so that no one will fall away and be lost (Heb.3:12,13).
- C. He not only have fellowship with other Christians but we also have fellowship with God. God has brought us back into a proper relationship with Him through His Son, so we now can have things common with God.
- D. Christians also have fellowship with Christ. When Christians partake of the Lord's Supper they have fellowship with one another and with Christ. First Corinthians 1:9 says that God has called us into fellowship with Jesus Christ.
- E. When Christians meet to together, for whatever reason, they have fellowship together; and when they meet to worship, (meet in the name of Jesus), they have fellowship with Jesus (Mt. 18:20).
- F. One part of fellowship that we sometimes don't like to talk about is the fact we cannot fellowship those who are not Christians, or those who are Christians but not living faithful lives.
- G. Christians are to have no part in the deeds of darkness (sins) of others. If our friends and neighbors are going to do some things that Jesus has said not to, we cannot partake with them in their deeds. We must be sure not to sin at all times (Eph. 5:11).
- H. Sometimes, even Christians even get caught up in sinful activities and will not change their lives. When this happens faithful Christians cannot associate with them. We must try to help our weak brethren, but if it won't work we must not continue to be with them (2Th. 3:6).
- I. Constructive ways to build a good fellowship are; games together, eating together, praying together, Bible study together, evangelizing together, going shopping together, spending time with family, and worshipping with one another.
- J. Christians will not go into the world for their happiness and satisfaction if they can find both in the fellowship of the church. Good wholesome fellowship will make individual Christians strong while making the whole church strong.
- K. See Ac. 17:27 and Heb. 11:6b.

**II. FELLOWSHIP WITH CHRIST.**

See Mt. 18:20; Lk. 24:15; Ac. 4:13; 1Cor. 1:9; 1Jn. 1:3; Rev. 3:20.

**III. WALKING WITH GOD.**

See Gen.5:22-24; 6:9; Mal. 2:6; Rev. 3:4.

**IV. NEARNESS TO GOD.**

See Psa. 16:8; 34:18; 145:18; Jer. 23:23; Ac. 17:27.

**V. DRAWING NEAR TO GOD IN PRAYER.**

See Psa. 73:28; Heb. 7:19; 10:22; Jas. 4:8.

**VI. ABIDING IN CHRIST.**

See Jn. 15:4-7,10; 1Jn. 2:6,28; 3:6; 2Jn 9.

**VII. SEPARATION FROM EVIL ASSOCIATIONS.**

See Isa. 52:11; Jn. 15:19; Ac. 2:40; 2Cor. 6:17; Eph. 5:11; 2Th. 3:6.