



CLASS FOUR: FELLOWSHIP AND INTIMACY WITH GOD

FELLOWSHIP

To have fellowship means to have something in common with others; to partake of something with others. The Christian life was never intended to be lived alone. The more we get to know God, the more we would want to have fellowship with other believers. True maturity is seen in our ability to live as a family with other believers. [**Acts 2:41–44**].

The early church had all things in common and did things together. They had consistent fellowship with one another. We must never think we know enough to be on our own. [**Hebrews 10:25**].

A true disciple with focus has fellowship with other disciples. God desires that all should be one. [**John 17:21**].

What Happens When We Fellowship with Other Believers?

- We are strengthened by the testimonies of others
- We are also able to encourage other people
- We can care for each other through fellowship. [**1 Corinthians 12:25**]
- We can do more for the body of Christ and the kingdom of God through fellowship [**Ephesians 4:16**]
- We can bear the burdens of others and others are also able to bear our burdens with us. [**1 Corinthians 12:26**]
- We grow to a certain level only when we have fellowship with others. No matter how much one knows, he does not know everything. [**Ephesians 4:15**]

INTIMACY WITH GOD

God desires an intimate love relationship, which grows with time, with all His disciples. As disciples of Christ, we must know that God has called us into a love relationship with Him. The highest calling in life is to be called by God unto Himself. There is no better privilege than this.

****To be loved by God is the highest relationship; the highest achievement and the highest position in life****

Intimacy ensures great service.

[**Mark 3:14**].

We would be His representatives when our love relationship with Him works.

Everything in our Christian life, everything about knowing Him and experiencing Him, everything about knowing His will depends on the quality of our love relationship with God. If that is not settled, nothing in our life will be right.

We would only be completely fulfilled in a relationship with God. God created us for eternity. Our lifetime on earth provides an opportunity to be acquainted with Him.



Knowing God's love for us helps our relationship with Him to flourish as it is supposed to be. We must know the extent of His love for us. In the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has forever convinced us that He loves us. We must look at situations against the backdrop of the cross. God's love for us was settled on the cross.

****A disciple's relationship with God is the most important in His life.****

Every disciple must place a high value on his/her relationship with God. Nothing else must take the place of this relationship.