

Furthermore, other benefits are mentioned in *Heb 10:24,25*. What are they? _____

In *Jam 5:16*, several other blessings are mentioned. Write these down too. _____

Our Responsibility and Accountability to Each Other

The Bible describes the Church as a family, with God as our Heavenly Father, the Head of the home. *Ps 68:6* says that God makes a home for the lonely and places the lonely in families. As members of a family we have certain responsibilities to each other.

As members of God's family what responsibilities are given to us in *1Cor 12:26*? _____

If another Christian treats us in a wrong way, how did Jesus say we are to respond to get things sorted out? *Mat 18:15-17* _____

Further along this line, of what to do when someone treats us the wrong way, what did Jesus say that is most important? *Mk 11:25,26* _____

What is the special blessing of God when we pray together in agreement? *Mat 18:19* _____

How does God bless us when we gather in His Name? *Mat 18:20* _____

Get to know your brothers and sisters in Christ! After all, you will be spending eternity together.

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CHRISTIAN LIFE AND WITNESS COURSE

Study 03: Christian fellowship

Be Careful who you choose to have close fellowship with.

The moment we repent of our sins and receive the Lord Jesus Christ into our lives, we can expect changes to begin to take place as promised in *2Cor 5:17*. These changes definitely affect our life style and relationship with others, especially with people who do not know the Lord. There is a warning in *1Cor 15:33* about ungodly companionships. What is it? (The KJV is not suitable here. NKJV is OK.) _____

In *2Cor 6:14-16*, what are the 5 words used to describe unbelievers? _____

What are the 5 words used to describe disciples of Christ? _____

In *2Cor 6:14*, who does it tell us to avoid being yoked to or closely tied up with? _____

2Cor 6:17 tells us what to do if the situation we are in causes us to get involved in unclean and unholy activity. What is it? _____

In *Jam 4:4* what is friendship with the world like? _____

If we are in friendship with the world and its ways, how is our relationship with God described? *Jam 4:4* _____

If we love the things and ways of the world can we also love God? *1Jn 2:15* _____

What are the things and ways of the world around us? *1Jn 2:16* _____

What is happening to the world and its ways? *1Jn 2:17* _____

What happens to the person who follows after God and does what He wants? *1Jn 2:17*

Marriage is the closest human relationship. What does God's Word tell us about choosing our marriage partner? *1Cor 7:39* _____

Acid Test: If we are drawing our friends to God it will be all right to carry on the relationship. But if they are drawing us away from God, it would be wise to cut off that relationship.

God's Will for Believers to Come Together

There is no room for spiritual lone rangers! God expects, and in fact commands believers to meet often together. Over and over again, Apostle Paul teaches, "When you assemble and come together," not "if" you assemble.

Read *1Cor 11:17-20,33; 14:23,26*, and count the number of times it says, "you come together," or similar words. _____

How did Jesus describe those who follow Him? *Jn 10:16* _____

What is one special time when Jesus meets with His disciples? *Mat 18:20* _____

What is the command of God's Word about fellowship among believers? *Heb 10:25* _____

Examples of the Early Church

When did Jesus give clear directions to His disciples? *Ac 1:4* _____

When did Jesus' followers have opportunity to ask Him important questions? *Ac 1:6*

What did the disciples do together in their time of fellowship? *Ac 1:14* _____

Now, 3000 were saved, *Ac 2:41*, and added to the original 120, *Ac 1:15*. What did they steadfastly do? *Ac 2:42* _____

In what two places did they meet for fellowship? *Ac 2:46* _____

How often did they gather together? *Ac 2:46* _____

Quality of Fellowship in the Early Church

There was much sharing in the early church so that provision could be made for those in need. How would you describe their sharing in *Ac 2:42*? _____

How would you describe their sharing in *Ac 2:44,45* _____

How would you describe their sharing in *Ac 2:46* _____

As the disciples expressed their sharing and love for one another what effect did it have on the non Christian community? *Ac 2:47*

What did Jesus say would happen when Christians love each other? *Jn 13:35; Jn 17:21-23*

Purpose of Fellowship

God commands His people to fellowship and share together because He knows the power and purpose in it. How do you think the disciples benefited from their fellowship of *Ac 2:42*? _____

What two benefits of fellowshiping together are mentioned in *Gal 6:1,2*? _____

What are the three benefits of fellowship mentioned in *1Thes 4:9,18; 5:11*? _____

Another benefit of fellowship is mentioned in *1Tim 4:13*. What is it? _____
