

The Uniqueness & Worth of CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

When the Bible, in the New Testament, uses the Greek word *κοινωνία*, which we transliterate as *koinônia* and translate as FELLOWSHIP, we need to keep in mind that there is something incredibly unique and precious in the KIND of fellowship which God has in view. It is unlike any other that the world knows and cherishes. The Church of Jesus Christ is blessed by and cherishes a fellowship with God and with each other that can be summarized as:

- † Commitment to a common body of essential beliefs (the faith that is produced by the Bible – not sterile cognitive knowledge).
- † Faithfulness to a common life of obedience.
- † Sharing a common love of God.
- † Sharing a common love of fellowman, especially, other believers (Created in the Image of God + Redeemed by the Cross of Christ).
- † Sharing a common – eternal destiny/treasure/purpose/Owner.
- † Sharing a common – Grace / Communion of the Body of Christ.