

Fellowship with God

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I. Introduction.

II. We were created in the image of God. (Genesis 1:26)

- A. This means we were created with a capacity for fellowship with God, unlike animals.
- B. We are created with a will—an ability to choose.
- C. God has provided a way for relationship with Him and is always seeking man. (Romans 5:28, John 4)
 - 1. God is looking for people to worship and fellowship with Him.
 - 2. Christians are called into fellowship with Christ. (I Corinthians 1:9)
- D. From the very beginning, there were men who walked with God. (Genesis 5:22-24; 6; Exodus 33:12; Deuteronomy 34:10; Philippians 3:10)

III. Men whom God has used have always had a personal desire for fellowship with God—waiting on God, seeking God, and delighting in God. (Psalm 42:1; 63:1; 104:3-6; 8:4; 27:14; 37:4, 8, 63:8; 123:1; Proverbs 8:17; Isaiah 26:8-9; Jeremiah 29:13; Matthew 5:6; Lamentations 3:25; Hebrews 11:6; Daniel 11:32)

IV. The basis for one's fellowship with God is not feeling nor is it good deeds but Jesus' blood. We must learn to walk with God and claim His promises. (Ephesians 3:8-9; Titus 3:5; Hebrews 10:19-20; I John 1:7; Leviticus 17:11; Colossians 1:14; Ephesians 1:7; I Peter 1:18-19; Hebrews 4:15; Romans 10:17; I Peter 1:23; 5:7)

V. Walking with God is characterized by faith and obedience. (Genesis 6:14; Hebrews 11:7; Genesis 12:1-4; Romans 4:18; Hebrews 11:18; Numbers 14:6, I Samuel 17:37; Daniel 6:6; 3:16; Hebrews 11:4; Romans 3:23; Acts 27:25; John 6:28-29; 14:12; I John 5:14-15; John 20:27; Amos 3:3; John 14:21; Deuteronomy 5:29; Isaiah 14:18; Hebrews 5; Deuteronomy 6:6-7)

- A. There is a difference between relationship and fellowship. (Isaiah 59:22; Psalm 66:22)
- B. Sin breaks fellowship with God.
- C. Confession restores fellowship. (I John 1:9)
- D. We are to put away all things that harm fellowship with God. (I Corinthians 6:12; 10:12)
- E. Disciplines.

- 1. Ask God to give you a heart for His Word. The purpose of the Word is for salvation and wisdom for obedience. (II Timothy 3:14; I Peter 1:23; II Timothy 3:16-17)

2. Establish personal prayer and quiet time. (Psalm 19:11)
3. Fellowship with other believers. (Hebrews 10:45)
4. Read Christian books.
5. Use your life for the Spirit who lives in you. (I Corinthians 3:16; 6:19-20)

Application questions:

1. Why is a desire for fellowship with God necessary for making an impact on others?

2. Why is fellowship with God not based upon whether we do good things or not? Explain.

3. In which particular discipline would you like to grow? What is something practical and provable that you can do to grow in this area this week? Explain.
