

# *Welcome To Open Bible Hour*

*Thank you for joining us on this Lord's Day!*

*Our desire is that you may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as we pursue an in-depth study of the first 2 chapters of Acts.*

*If you have a prayer request, for which you would like us to pray, please fill out a prayer sheet at the back table and give to Lyle.*

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# “THE 4 PILLARS OF CHURCH LIFE”

## PART 3

“Teaching”

“Fellowship”

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## **Acts 2:41-42**

41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

**42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.**

# Qualifications for a Pastor-Teacher

## Character

Above reproach  
Man – husband of one wife  
Temperate/Self controlled  
Prudent  
Respectable  
Hospitable  
Not addicted to wine  
Gentle  
Peaceable  
Free from the love of money/Not fond of sordid gain  
Manages household well  
Children under control  
Not a new convert  
Good reputation outside the church  
Not accused of dissipation and rebellion  
Not self-willed  
Not quick tempered  
Not pugnacious  
Sensible  
Just  
Devout

## Abilities

Able to Teach

# **1. What is your Bibliology?**

Canonicity (66 books and no more)

Inspiration (Verbal (words), Plenary (inspiration extends to all of the Bible))

Inerrancy (The Bible is free from error)

Infallibility (The Bible is incapable to lead one astray)

Perspicuity (The Bible is clear)

Interpretation (How do you interpret the Bible?)

Authority (Is the Bible final authority in all doctrine and practice?)

# **2. What is a pastor's primary responsibility?**

# **3. How much time do you spend in study-preparation each week?**

# **4. How do you determine what you are going to speak on each Sunday?**

# **5. What do you do with controversial passages?**

# Fellowship

Definition from Webster:

1. A unified body of people of equal rank ***sharing in common*** interests, goals, and characteristics, etc.;
2. Partnership.
3. Fellowship is opposed to isolation, solitude, loneliness, and our present-day independent kind of individualism. However you can be in a crowd of people and even share certain things in common, but still not have fellowship.
4. Fellowship means having or sharing with others certain things in common such as interests, goals, feelings, beliefs, activities, labor, privileges and responsibilities, experiences, and concerns.
5. Fellowship can mean a partnership that involves working together and caring for one another as a company of people, like a company of soldiers or members of a family.

# Koinwnia

## Koinonia

### **Biblical definition:**

1. Koinonia means communion or fellowship. It means intimate communication.
2. The idea of koinonia is a sharing partnership, a commonness, a fellowship, a communion.
3. Partnership is vertical and horizontal. Vertical with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. And horizontal with all believers who are alive now and who have ever lived.

## **1 John 1:3**

3 what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our **fellowship is with the Father,**

## **1 Cor 1:9**

9 God is faithful, through whom you were called into **fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## **2 Cor 13:14**

14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the **fellowship of the Holy Spirit,** be with you all.

## **Phil 2:1**

2 Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any **fellowship of the Spirit,**



## 1 John 1:1-7

- 1 What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life —
- 2 and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us —
- 3 what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have **fellowship** with us; and indeed our **fellowship** is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.
- 4 These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.
- 5 This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.
- 6 If we say that we have **fellowship** with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;
- 7 but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have **fellowship** with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.
- 8 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.
- 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.

# **1 John 2:12**

12 I am writing to you, little children, because your sins have been forgiven you for His name's sake.

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1. **Fellowship goes all the way back to Genesis.**
  - a) God created woman to provide fellowship for man.
  - b) God created man & woman to have fellowship with Himself.
2. **The proclamation of the gospel has a goal and the goal is to create a fellowship.** Not an organization, but a fellowship. Not a hierarchy, but a fellowship. Not a structure, but a fellowship. Not an organizational chart on a printed sheet, but a fellowship. We're all wrapped up in a total fellowship involving the Father, the Son, the Spirit, and every other believer in history.
3. **Therefore the end of the gospel proclamation is not just salvation, but fellowship.** Fellowship is not just one aspect of the body, it's the goal of the whole gospel to create a fellowship.
4. **Our fellowship is based on our commonness - our common Savior, our common God, our common faith.** Everyone of us comes to God the same way. By faith. Common to everyone of us. We all came to the same God, through the same Christ with the same faith.
5. **Fellowship is not exclusive.** It's not "us four and no more, shut the door". When you come to know Christ as Savior, you enter into fellowship with God. And then immediately you are placed into the fellowship of believers. So both of them take place at salvation.
6. **You are always in fellowship with God.** You're not in or out of the fellowship, you're just either experiencing joy or not experiencing joy.

**7. Sin kills the joy of fellowship.** (1 Jn 1:4) The believer loses the joy of his communion with God. And then usually his prayer life goes, his Bible reading goes, he sort of drifts away from other Christians and their fellowship, because he does not want to be confronted concerning his sin.

**8. The outward sign of our fellowship with God is communion.**

**1 Cor 10:16-17**

16 Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ?

17 Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread.

**9. Biblical fellowship, by its definition, draws a sharp contrast between true and false fellowship.**

**2 Cor 6:14-16**

14 Do not be **bound together** with unbelievers; for what **partnership** have righteousness and lawlessness, or what **fellowship** has light with darkness?

15 Or what **harmony** has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in **common** with an unbeliever?

16 Or what **agreement** has the temple of God with idols?

*In other words Paul says - you know that light and darkness don't go together. Believer and unbeliever don't go together. Righteousness and unrighteousness don't go together. Therefore don't put yourself in a compromised position that blurs the line.*

**10. So specifically fellowship involves all of the “one anothers” in the Bible. The New Testament knows nothing of a “Mall of America” type of Christian.**

# Fellowship

Love **one another** - I John 4:7  
Build up **one another** - I Thess. 5:11  
Live in peace with **one another** - I  
Thess. 5:13  
Be devoted to **one another** - Rom.  
12:11  
Give preference to **one another** - Rom.  
12:10  
Be of the same mind toward **one  
another** - Rom. 12:16  
Accept **one another** - Rom. 15:7  
Admonish **one another** - Rom. 15:14  
Greet **one another** - Rom. 16:16  
Care for **one another** - I Cor. 12:25  
Serve **one another** - Gal. 5:13  
Show tolerance toward **one another** -  
Eph. 4:2

Be kind to **one another** - Eph. 4:32  
Bearing with **one another** - Col. 3:3  
Forgive **one another** - Col. 3:3  
Comfort **one another** - I Thess. 4:18  
Encourage **one another** - I Thess. 5:11  
Seek after that which is good for **one  
another** - I Thess. 5:15  
Stimulate **one another** - Heb. 10:24  
Confess your sins to **one another** -  
James 5:16  
Pray for **one another** - James 5:16  
Fervently love **one another** - I Peter  
1:22  
Be hospitable to **one another** - I Peter  
4:9  
Clothe yourselves with humility  
toward **one another** - I Peter 5:5