

Missionary Evangelism (03) **(Fellowship In The Gospel)**

We are currently studying a series entitled, Missionary Evangelism. All of our lessons will be taken from the Book of Philippians. It is my prayer that this series of lessons will prepare us as a church **to understand** the grace policy of evangelism and **to train and send** missionaries to the mission field.

The Book of Philippians is a **missionary's letter of appreciation** from the mission field to a church that has partnered since its founding as a church on Paul's second missionary trip (Acts 15:36-18:22).

(Phil.4:15) "And you yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel after I departed from Macedonia, **no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone.**"

This lesson will study <u>five aspects</u> of what it mean for a local church to Fellowship in the Gospel.

1. We will begin by examining our lesson text by the following three homiletical points.

- (Phil.1:3-5) **Product from** fellowship in the gospel
 - "Fellowship in gospel from the first day until now."
- (Phil.1:6) **Partaker of** fellowship in the gospel
 - "Being confident of this very thing, that He which began (enarchomai/ a.m.ptc.nsm/ Gal.3:3) a good work in you will perform (epiteleo/ f.a.ind.3ps/to bring to completion) it until the day of Jesus Christ."
- (Phil.1:7) **Partners in** the fellowship of the gospel
 - "You all are partners (sugkoinonos/ joint partaker) of my grace."

The Greek word for fellowship is koinonia (Phil.1:5). Koinonia refers to sharing in common or communion (1 Cor.10:16). Our English word communication comes from it.

2. Jude used a form of this Greek word in the salutation of his book

(Jude 3a) "Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about Our Common (koinos) Salvation."

It is a reference to the grace package of salvation given to every Church Age Believer (CAB). We have outlined this package of salvation on our website entitled, **So Great a Salvation** ([50 Things Free](#))

- It consists of **13** judicial charges of Adam's Original Sin (AOS), **9** factors of Communion with God, **8** works of the Holy Spirit accomplished at the point of salvation, and **20** status privileges of royal family of God.

3. Entrance into fellowship of the gospel of Jesus Christ or common salvation is available to all members of the human race.

Available to all who believe that Jesus Christ died for their sin, was buried and on the third day and was raised from the dead (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9; John 10:28).

This message was pounded home to Peter by Jesus after His ascension in Acts 10:13-16 and Acts 11:7-10. How many times did it take for Peter to get the message? (Acts 10:16; 11:10) Three seemed to be a pattern of learning spiritual truth for Peter (Matt. 26:34; John 21:17; Acts 10:16; 10:19).

Doctrinal point: “What God has cleansed, no longer consider unholy (koinoon / p.a.impv.2ps).” (Acts 10:15; 11:9; 1 John 1:7)

The message given to Peter is the marching orders of missionary evangelism to the world. Peter preached this grace message at the first church conference. (Acts 15:5-11; Gal. 2:7-9).

Paul preached this grace message at the Ephesus church conference (Acts 20:17-24).

4. Every Church Age Believer (CAB) is called into fellowship with God’s Son at the moment of salvation (1 John 1:3, 7). (RSVP: Accept God’s invitation by believing the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Rom. 1:16))

(1 Cor. 1:8-9) “Who shall also confirm you to the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful [faithful is in emphatic position / no verb], through (dia+abl of agent) whom you were called (kaleo / a.p.ind.2pl/ RSVP) to (eis+acc) [face to face with] fellowship (koinonia / asf) His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Matt. 22:1-14; Rom. 8:28-32)

The union of grace salvation is result of God’s faithfulness and not the person (2 Tim. 2:13; 1 Thess. 2:12-13).

(Rom. 11:29) “For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.”

5. One sign of spiritual growth maturity is partnership in the fellowship of gospel missionary evangelism.

(Phil. 1:5) “In view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now.”

(Phil. 4:15) “No church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone.”

FELLOWSHIP IN FOUR WAYS

• **Providing spiritually mature workers**

- (Phil. 4:3) “Indeed, true comrade, I ask you also to help these women who have shared my struggle in the cause of the gospel, together with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.”

• **Providing spiritually gifted ministries**

- (Rom. 12:7) “If service (ministry), in his service; or he who teaches, in his teaching.”
- (2 Tim. 4:5b) “Do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.”

• **Providing prayer support**

- (Col. 4:2-4) “Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; praying at the same time for us as well, that God may open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; in order that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak.” (Eph. 6:19-20)

• **Providing financial support**

- (2 Cor. 8:1-5) “That in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality.” (8:2) “And this, not as we had expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God.” (8:5)