

## Called into the Fellowship of His Son — Part 7 — Complete in Christ

**1 Corinthians 1:9 NKJV** God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The fellowship with God's Son is developed and revealed throughout the New Testament. As we progress in this fellowship and relationship with Him, we begin to realize the wealth of blessing and favor that is in Christ.

**Colossians 2:9-10 NIV** For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.

Our fellowship with Jesus Christ must take into account this fullness. What begins on a casual level must ultimately bring about a complete change in us that moves us to another level of fellowship. We must not normalize or limit the value of the fellowship that we have with the Son of God. God has called us into the fellowship with Christ and in doing so has made this fullness in Christ available. We must move over into this new level with Him.

When we maintain continued and increasing fellowship with Jesus Christ, we will experience this personal change. The process of this change is the normal process of the Christian life. The fellowship with God's Son will facilitate the conformity into His image and likeness. The more we fellowship Him, the more we will be like Him.

**We have seen two dynamics of our identification with Christ.**

**1. Jesus identified with our humanity, sin, and sickness through the things He suffered.**

Jesus willingly came down to our level to bring us up. He became sin so that we might be redeemed.

**2. We identify with God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord in all of His victory, power, and life.** As we walk in fellowship with Jesus Christ, we begin identifying with Him in all of His victory, power and life.

**Continued fellowship with Christ Jesus intensifies the impact He has on our new life.**

**1 John 5:13 NKJV** These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, **that you may know that you have eternal life**, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

As soon as you are born again and enter into new life, the blessing of identifying with Christ Jesus begins in us. The Holy Spirit begins bearing witness that you have eternal life and that you are a child of God. You know that you know that you have eternal life. He begins testifying to you that you are abiding in Christ, and that Jesus Christ is living in you.

**This knowledge changes your focus and aspirations.**

**2 Corinthians 1:21-22 AMP** But it is God Who confirms and makes us steadfast and establishes us [in joint fellowship] with you in Christ, and has consecrated and anointed us [enduing us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit]; [He has also appropriated and acknowledged us as His by] putting His seal upon us and giving us His [Holy] Spirit in our hearts as the security deposit and guarantee [of the fulfillment of His promise].

The abiding presence of the Holy Spirit confirms, and assures us that we have been identified with Christ. In heaven's point of view, things are settled when this transpires. You can assure your heart before God in this fact. When God puts His Holy Spirit in your hearts, He is putting His seal and guarantee on you. We become His and He becomes ours.

**2 Corinthians 3:4-5 NLT** We are confident of all this because of our great trust in God through Christ. It is not that we think we are qualified to do anything on our own. Our qualification comes from God.

Think about the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. In Christ, we receive power, ability and sufficiency. In Christ, you are made and equipped to stand. We need to take hold of this. Through Christ Jesus, we achieve or acquire reliance or confidence with God.

In our own strength, wisdom, understanding, and ability we are inadequate and cannot stand against Satan, the world, and the flesh. All of our strength and competency comes through Jesus Christ.

**In Christ Jesus, everything takes on a new dimension of victory and life.**

**Philippians 4:13 NKJV** I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

**Romans 8:1 NKJV** There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

**Jude 24 NKJV** Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy.

**What does it mean to be called into the fellowship of Jesus Christ?**

**We have been called out of the world to walk in new life in Christ.**

When Moses saw the bush that was not consumed by the fire, he forsook the normal path of his life. To fellowship with God, Moses had to walk up into a new dimension of living, and take off his shoes. What Moses trusted in before had to be forsaken if he was to walk into the presence of God. Moses had never experienced the glory, grace, and blessing of God like he did in that place. This was a progressive fellowship of the glory of God for Moses. From the burning bush, Moses was drawn on into greater revelations of God. Each time Moses came into the glory cloud, he was made more aware of his own inadequacy, and the intense holiness, glory, and majesty of God.

**When God called you into the fellowship of His Son, He made preparations to cover you with the adequacy of Christ.**

**Galatians 2:20 NIV84** I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

In Christ, we are covered with His righteousness. We are covered by His blood. In Christ, we are swallowed up in His life and holiness. We are filled with His Spirit and are given His life. In Christ, He made it possible for you to arise above your weakness, inability, and frailty of the flesh.

**What do you have in Christ Jesus?**

In the fellowship of the Son, we are made complete in Christ. God is establishing us in Christ's strength and victory.

- Christ in us is the hope of glory.
- In Him, we live and have our being.
- In Him, we walk without condemnation.
- In Him, we are ready for anything.
- In Him, we are kept.
- In Him, we are pure and holy.
- In Him is excellence and success.
- In Him, we enjoy the fullness of the Spirit.
  - Who strengthened David's heart and arm so he could defeat Goliath?
  - It was not Israel who flattened the walls of Jericho by walking around them for 7 days.

- He was with Joseph from the pit to the throne.
- He delivered Israel from Egypt, brought them through the Red Sea, and defeated all of Pharaoh's armies.
- He led them to the Promised Land.
- He dried Martha's tears and poured the oil of joy into Mary's broken heart.
- He saved our guilty souls, when we trusted in the victory of His cross.
- He turned our darkness into day and gave beauty for ashes.
- He stands by us and gives us His grace and glory.
- He gives strength for our weaknesses, sickness, and trials.
- He is sufficient for every need.

### **He is Jesus!**

- He is El-Shaddai, the God who is enough!
- He is Immanuel, God with us.
- He is Jehovah-Jireh, the God who provides.
- He is Jehovah-Rapha, the Lord who heals you.
- He is Jehovah-Shalom, the Lord our peace
- He is more than sufficient for our need.
- In Christ, you can find all you need to walk before God our Father and be perfect.
- In Him, there is enough glory, grace, and power.
- We cannot comprehend the vastness of His glory.
- His power is omnipotent and unbounded.
- He exceeds our capacity and is greater than all our need.
- He is greater than all of our sin.
- His righteousness is sufficient for all our deficit.
- His life of victory conquers all our sin and evil.

In the end when the hosts of heaven gather around the throne, the small and the great will praise our God. In the Revelation, John said he hear the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and the sound of mighty thunderings. What were they shouting?

**Revelation 19:6-7** "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory..."

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**Romans 6:6-7 NIV84** For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin...

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**Romans 8:1-2 NIV84** Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

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**2 Corinthians 5:21 NIV84** God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

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**Romans 5:2 NIV84** Through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

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