

1John 1:3-4 (NKJV)

³That which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

"Fellowship" means sharing in common or sharing together.

When a person realized what fellowship with God is, that alone made him complete.

Matthew 6:21

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Apostle Paul considers all things loss that he may gain Christ.

Philippians 3:8

Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ.

Having fellowship with one another is the most common experience in the church even before we experience having fellowship with God. The love for one another is especially true to those who have suffered broken relationship as they experience love and acceptance in the church. Some may even be overwhelmed by this new experience. Then as they continue in fellowship, they will eventually learn that the source of this love is not because they are lovable but because of the love of God in Christ.

Fellowship with one another is based on fellowship with God (The Father and His Son Jesus Christ).

A. Fellowship with one another not based on fellowship with God is not a Christian fellowship.

Although unbelievers who come in among us should be able to sense the love, they cannot know true fellowship with other believers until they personally come to faith in Jesus Christ and begin to walk with Him on a daily basis.

- knowing Christ personally and growing in that relationship
- sharing about the riches of Christ and the treasures of His Word

Sometimes, we chat about the weather, sports, or the news. While there's nothing wrong with talking about such things, that isn't Christian fellowship.

The world described fellowship as Food, Fun, and Friendship.Christian fellowship is about Food (Spiritual & Physical), Fear of the Lord, Family, and Favor with all the people. The center of fellowship is with God.

Acts 2:42-47

⁴²And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. ⁴³Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. ⁴⁴Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, 45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. 46So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

B. Fellowship with God is the core of Christian unity.

John did not promote "fellowship" with the unbelievers, these men who

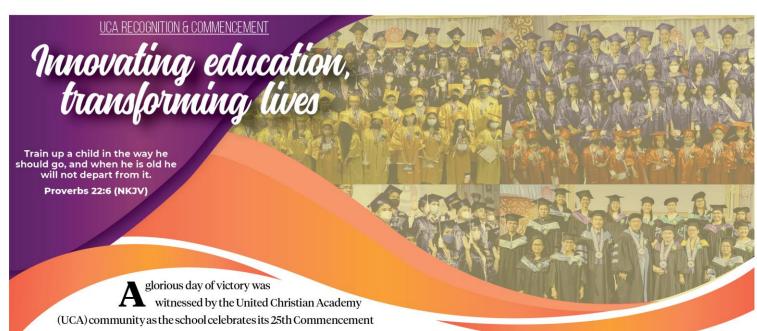
claimed to know Jesus but do not practice what the apostles teach. Even though John emphasizes love, he never encourages love and fellowship with these unbelievers. He makes it clear that we should not welcome them even with a warm greeting. To do so would be to participate in their evil deeds.

2 John 9-11

⁹Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; ¹¹for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.

Some Christian groups promote unity with other beliefs. Their message is centered on love and not on doctrine. They set aside their beliefs and disagreements and accept unbelievers as brothers. This is not Christian unity.

When you know Christ, you experience genuine unity and fellowship with other Christians, even though there may be significant differences in background, personality, social status, or race.



Exercises and Recognition Rites on June 4, Saturday, highlighting the role of educational innovations in the students' achievements. With celebratory cheers and excitement filling the air, guests started to pour in early and it was not too long until the halls and the auditorium of UCA was teeming with parents and students even coming from other cities. The ceremonies held in four (4) batches were graced by the school officials, faculty members. Truly, to see the students physically receiving their awards after

being in strict quarantine for the past two years was both joyous and sweet for the UCA administration. On one hand, online students and their relatives were also part of the celebration through Youtube live. As another school year closes, UCA is set to embark in a new journey full of hope and trusting God of everything that lies ahead. This ministry of the Lord shall continue to soar greater heights in education and in sharing the Gospel, all for the glory of God.

WELCOMING THE STUDENTS

With a heart of thanksgiving and joy coming from the Lord, UCA together with the UCF workers warmly welcomed the students, parents, and their families in the much-awaited milestone. From the registration all the way to the auditorium, the family-orientedness of the school was displayed







The registration team carefully checks the attendance and ushers the students and parents. They are given an opportunity for a photo booth

OPENING CEREMONY

The celebration of the students' hardwork is officially opened with a prayer, the singing of the national anthem, the Believer's Declaration, and the UCA Hymn. Rev. Dr. James Sy and Rev. Dr. William Sy also welcomed and congratulated them with inspiring messages.









It is indeed a joyous and momentous event every year that students and parents look forward to and also a proof of their success in education.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NKJV)

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

AWARDING ACHIEVEMENTS

UCA recognizes the hardwork and effort of its students as UCA officials handed awards, certificates, and badges. Students have given their best of abilities and proved that success is possible even during the online learning. Together with their parents, they receive the awards with joy in their hearts while giving glory to God who has richly blessed them with knowledge and understanding in the whole school year.



The genuine love and happiness of the parents to their kids overflow on stage as they happily put on the medals and badges of achievements of their kids. Even programs that they have joined in the whole school year are cited to recognize their participation.



Students and parents pose for a photo remembrance. Also, students get to have a picture with their classmates and friends after two years of COVID-19.

James 1:17 (NKJV)

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

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GRADUATES' PROCESSION

The UCA Faculty and Staff and the graduates, together with their parents, march as UCA follows the tradition of academic procession. Wearing their togas and cap, UCA students feel overjoy for successfully finishing successfully their journey of primary and secondary education. Parents' joy are overflowing also as their eyes smile endlessly for the achievement of their dearest children.



Proud parents join the traditional academic procession of their children.

AWARDING ACHIEVEMENTS

Graduates go up on stage with their parents all smiles and fully satisfied with their honor. As the UCA school officials handed out various awards and certificates, the joy of the parents is outpouring as they thank them for the whole school year of active and quality education.



UCA congratulates the moving-up pupils and students and the graduates of Batch 2021-2022!

1 Chronicles 16:34 (NKJV)

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

PLEDGE OF LOYALTY

UCA Alumna and now a Doctor of Dentistry, Ms. Jona Mae Jimenez, leads the graduates in the Pledge of Loyalty. Promising to uphold the principles of the school, give high respect in this alma mater and to our Almighty God, the graduates raise their hands and declare their pledges.





In honor of the school they were once in, graduates raise their hand in promise of respecting their alma mater.

GRADUATION SONG

UCA prepares a bunch of roses for the graduates which they have given to their loving and supportive parents who have stayed by their side in all circumstances. As the special audio-visual presentation showing the active participation of their children, students reach out to their parents with the rose, hug, and thank them for their endless and undeniable support.









As another school year ends, the students reminisce good memories that will last a lifetime through an AVP.

















Before the program ends, the students take the chance to show their gratitude and love for their parents who strived in giving them a better future.

PHOTOBOOTH 1

To remember this special day, UCA makes sure to have a photo booth session. Students enjoy the photo op as part of celebrating their achievements with their parents and seeing their friends and classmates for the first time in two years. Taking advantage of this once-in-a-year event, they get unlimited photos while enjoying the company of the UCA family.







UCA students, together with their family and friends, pose with their biggest smiles on the photobooth in commemmoration for today's recognition and graduation.

Hebrews 12:28 (NKJV)

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

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Honing students holistically

CA has played a big role in the lives of students especially as their secondary education becomes part of their stepping stone for their future.

As a school that emphasizes academic excellence and spiritual maturity above all, UCA was able to touch the lives of many students through its top-notch services and accommodating faculty and staff. Although their learning was online, it did not hinder students to enjoy their education while still learning. Here are the testimonials of some students and parents on their experience in UCA.

I am grateful sa UCA because hindi lang iyong academic ang itinuturo nila, but it's about God din. And also, I really enjoyed online schooling. Iyong mga teacher, we physically and mentally learned something from them na bihira lang sa ibang school.



Eunice Arwen Subong

GRADE 11 STUDENT

Gusto ko sa UCA dahil nakikita ko iyong commitment nila para magbigay ng de kalidad na edukasyon at naramdaman ko ito sa nakaraang dalawang taong nag-aral ako dito dahil talagang ina-assist kami sa aming pag-aaral at ang UCA Online po talaga ay nakatulong para lagpasan ko ang pandemyang ito.



Ram Vincent Escoto

GRADE 12 GRADUATE



Ang nagustuhan ko sa UCA ay maganda ang turo nila at na-experience namin ang buhay Senior High School. Grateful kami sa school na ito and thankful ako sa mga teacher na nagturo sa akin kung paano maging responsable at disiplinado.

Jack Zyruz Andrada
GRADE 12 GRADUATE



Gusto ko sa UCA kasi maganda ang pamamaraan nila ng pagtuturo kasi may video lessons. Dahil sa mga public school, self-learning lang. Sa UCA, may video lessons so nae-explain nang maayos ang lesson.

C Marie Japut

GRADE 8 STUDENT

Blessed ako sa UCA kasi sila ang tumulong sa akin nitong pandemic. Hindi ko alam kung saang school ako mapupunta noong nagka-pandemic pero thankful ako sa UCA kasi nagka-online learning sila. Kaya nakapag-aral pa rin ako at madami rin akong natutunan. I'm thankful enough sa UCA kasi ang dami niyang ibinigay na blessing sa akin.

Alain Kenneth Briones
GRADE 12 GRADUATE

Nagustuhan ko sa UCA dahil bilang isang tao, hindi ako religious pero hinikayat ako ng church na mag-aaral ka habang nakikipag-ugnayan ka sa Diyos.

Arlyn Margaret Nopuente
GRADE 12 GRADUATE



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Ang pinakanagustuhan ko sa UCA is super friendly nila and hindi nila pinapabayaan ang mga student nila na nahuhuli. Nandiyan sila para mag-guide and they are always praying para sa iba at sa mga classmate ko.

Moellyn Juntilla
GRADE 12 GRADUATE



I love UCA kasi na-experience ko ang mga bagay na hindi ko pa na-experience tulad ng mga game and ang mag-worship po kay Lord.

> Ouka Padlan GRADE 10 COMPLETER

Praise God for using UCA to make a difference in the lives of students!

Psalms 95:1-2 (NKJV)

¹Oh come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. ²Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

I love UCA because as parents gusto ko yung mga technque and strategy nila sa pagtuturo. Ang mga staff ay very responsive kapag mayroon akong question or clarification. Ang mga staff ay very organized sa UCA online. We thank UCA and God bless you more!

Mary Joy Vingal

PARENT OF CARLO RENZ DINGAL GRADE 5 STUDENT



Our family is very blessed. We love UCA! In this school, we are very sure that our child's future is in good hands because this school is a Christ-centered school. We believe that it is not just concerned in the academics of the students, but it is also focused in the spiritual growth of every students here in UCA. We definitely love and always recommend UCA.

Maneth Madonza
PARENT OF PRINCE EUAN NADONZA (KINDERGARTEN)





Bless kami sa UCA dahil ito ang school na nakapagpa-Christian sa akin at sa amin ng mga anak ko. Dahil din sa mga activity nila, madami silang natututunan na nakapagpa-improve sa mga personality nila at dahil din sa mga teacher na mababait, magagalang at responsable.

Gladale Agluba

PARENT OF FELICITY SUZANNE GARCIA & MICHAELA NELAINE AGLUBA **GRADE 7 STUDENT**



Nagpapasalamat ako sa UCA dahil ngayon ay nagtapos ang anak ko sa Grade 6. Maraming salamat sa maayos na pagtuturo.

Annalie Fajardo Parent of Ulysses Yoohan Jr. Fajardo

(GRADE 6 GRADUATE)

We are bless to be in UCA because my child taught to be a good person not only in the inside but also to his classmates. I am proud to say that he matured enough to learn more in this scool. Mas naenganyo pa siyang sumali sa mga activities na hindi niya ginagawa before. Ngayon mas na-enhance niya yung kaniyang mga talent na dati hindi niya ginagawa.

Georgina Briones
PARENT OF ALAIN KENNETH BRIONES (GRADE 12 GRADUATE).



We are blessed being here in UCA for almost 10 years. Dito sa UCA ay maraming natutunan ang anak ko. Hindi lang sa school kung hindi pati sa spiritual aspect. Alam kong natutunan niya ang pagiging faithful kay Lord. Thankful din ako na naging part kami ng UCA for almost 10 years and dito na-develop yung anak ko.



PARENT OFAARON CHARLES MACAUNAT (GRADE 10 COMPLETER)





We love UCA because it's true to its promise. It provides quality education for my daughter.

Patricia Esguerra

PARENT OF AIYANA ELOUISE MAGTAKA (GRADE 5 STUDENT)



I love UCA because they are very ready in times of pandemic. Ang ganda ng platform nila lalo para sa amin. Ako ay working mom at ang online platform ng UCA ay nakatulong sa aming pamilya kasi dalawa ang aming anak na nag-aaral sa UCA. Thank you so much UCA!

> Virgie Simon PARENT OFAESON KYLE SIMON (GRADE 10 COMPLETER)

And pinakanagustuhan ko sa UCA ay iyong naa-access namin ito kahit malayo kami, dahil sa Batangas pa kami nakatira.

Sheryll Rose Magsino

MARC RUSSEL MAGSINO (GRADE 12 GRADUATE)



Maganda ang pagtuturo ng UCA kahit na online. Naga-guide ang mga studyante ng maayos, kahit na ang pag-organize nitong gradudation maayos.

Marelen Manuel

PARENT OF DELFIN MANUEL JR III (GRADE 12 GRADUATE)



Psalms 118:24 (NKJV)

This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Paglilingkod na alay sa Kaniya

imitado man ang kayang gawin ng mga tao, ngunit tanging ang Diyos lamang ang makapagbibigay ng kakayahan at kalakasan sa Kaniyang mga anak na tapat na nagpapagamit at naglilingkod sa Kaniya upang maisakatuparan ang Kaniyang kalooban para sa Kaniyang sinimulang ministeryo-ang Mt. Tabor Chuch and Re-Creation Center.

Araw-araw ay matiyagang nagpapatuloy sa gawain ang mga in-house trainee worker kasama ang mga boluntaryo na naglalaan din ng kanilang oras upang tumugon sa Kaniyang tawag ng paglilingkod. Sa pamamagitan ng kanilang buhay na ipinapagamit ay ang Panginoon ang nalulugod at ang nagbabalik ng kanilang mga pagsisikap.

Salamat sa Panginoon sa buhay ng Kaniyang mga anak na handang sumunod sa Kaniyang mga plano sa ministeryo!

Pagpunla ng mga lettuce



Noong nakaraang linggo ay muling nagtanim ng mga lettuce sa Mt. Tabor upang ito'y maihanda sa mga nagnanais na bumili.

Panibagong mga bumisita





Sa pagtungo ng mga panibagong panauhin sa Mt. Tabor ay tunay na naging kasiya-siya ang kanilang pananatili sa lugar habang idinaraos ang kanilang Amazing Race Game na nag-iwan ng masisiglang ngiti sa kanilang mga labi.

Pagsesemento ng kalsada sa Trail 4



Ang mga kalalakihan naman ay buong lakas na ipinagpatuloy ang pagpupulido ng daanan sa Trail 4 upang ito ay maging maayos at madaanan ng ligtas.

HBC UPDATE

Katotohang dala ng **Kaniyang Salita**





HOSTS: BRO. JESS MARK MARCELINO

AND SIS IMFI DA YADAO

FAREN SIS INNARELLE ILIRILLA







ng mga anak ng Diyos ay may tungkulin na ipangaral ang Kaniyang Salita.

pamamagitan Home Bible Church (HBC) sinimulan ng ating panambahan ay nagkaroon ng daan upang mapalaganap ang Kaniyang katapatan at walang

pag-iimbot na pag-ibig sa ating mga buhay. Dahil sa programang ito ay maraming pamilya, kapit-bahay at kaibigan ang nababahagian ng Mabuting Balita ng Diyos na naging dahilan upang mas lalo pang lumalim ang kani-kanilang pananampalataya at pagkilala kay Hesus. Dahil sa katatagan at pagtitiyaga ng mga manggagawang nangunguna sa pagbisita sa mga bahay ng mga miyembro ay nasa 13 na tahanan ang kasalukuyang nagagamit na daluyan ng pagpapala ng Diyos.

Purihin ang Diyos sa mga tahanang nagbukas na may hangaring sumunod sa Panginon.

2 Corinthians 9:15 (NKJV)

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

UCF ONLINE (SOCIAL MEDIA STATISTICS UPDATE) As of June 4, 2022









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Sunday Worship Service Highlights

lyong paghahari ng Diyos sa iyong buhay at ang Kaniyang kalooban ang dapat na hinahanap mo sa araw-araw. Ang Diyos din ang magpo-provide ng iyong

pangangailangan.

Sa bawat umaga, unahin mo ang Diyos na Siyang nagbigay ng buhay sa iyo. Hindi lahat ay may pagkakataon pang magising.

> Kung ano ang mahalaga, iyon ang bibigyan mo ng oras. Diyos ang pinakamahalaga.

Ang buhay ng isang tao ay maikli lang pero ginagawa ba natin ang gusto ng Diyos sa buhay natin?

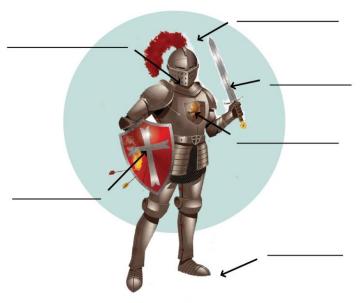
> Kung ano ang mayroon ka, gamitin mo para sa Panginoon. Ipagamit mo sa Kaniya to give glory.

Kung tayo ay sumusunod sa Panginoon, we should think like Jesus.



Rev. Morrell Estrellado
ASSOCIATE PASTOR | MAY 29, 2022

PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD Identify the whole armor of God by answering the soldier's parts with blank spaces. Then complete the verse in the Bible that tells about the whole armor of God. Be the first one to answer correctly and a free VOV will be given to you next issue.



Ephesians 6:10:18 (NKJV)

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with ______, having put on the _______, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the _______, 16 above all, taking the _______ with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 74 And take the _______, and the _______, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS 2022



Every second , you are breathing.

Every second, appreciate also

what God is doing unto you.

SEPT

MEDICAL-DENTAL-OPTICAL MISSION COORDINATOR: SIS. KAREN MOHAMMAD



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COVENANT WORKERS' RETREAT COORDINATOR: SIS. RAENA CHRISTINE TABAY

TREE PLANTING ACTIVITY COORDINATOR: REV. RICARDO JACOB SEPT 23-24



FAMILY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION COORDINATOR: LIEZLE ALA DEC 25



OCT 23

PASTORS' APPRECIATION DAY COORDINATOR: SIS. NERISSA ESTRELLADO



DEC

HIT & RUN STREET EVANGELISM COORDINATOR: SIS. MERRYLL LHORVIN SANTOS

Jonah 2:9 (NKJV)

But I will sacrifice to You With the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord.

Stay safe and learn at home in the school that cares for your future! Through Online, UCA distance learning has been more fun and exciting! Aside from inculcating academic excellence in their students, UCA also develops their spiritual lives.

Early enrolment for S.Y. 2022-2023 is now open for both international and local students, online and face-to-face.

inquiries, contact 8820-7764, 0918-985-1287, or 0917-100-7345.

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For inquiries, contact 0917-100-7345

or 0918-985-1287.

Wear His Word and declare what the Lord has done to your lives! Support this fund-raising activity of the Multimedia Department

by purchasing from our variation of shirts, tote bags, and mugs that showcase the Word of God.

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For orders and inquiries, contact Noriel Victoria Tolentino (0915-536-7617).



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praises and worship to our Lord. Enhance your God-given gifts in music. Enroll in the UCF Music Clinic and learn how to play the piano, guitar, and drums! Registration is still ongoing.

For more details, contact Sonny Dwayne Emerald Costales (0967-442-0113).



Come and visit Mt. Tabor, where your spirit finds rest! Feel the cool breeze, bask under the sun, and appreciate the wondrous creations of the Lord. You and your loved ones will surely enjoy your stay in this relaxing and peaceful place. DAILY RATES **AMENITIES AVAILABLE:** DAY TOUR ONLY - Baptismal Pool Prayer Mountain (soon) P 299.00/head - Trail Tour - Swimming Pool - Farm Gazebos and Cabins DAY TOUR (with lunch) - Picnic Areas (Riverside/City Overlooking) - Function Halls P 599.00/head - Coffee Shop - Chicken Coop **Pigeon Coop** Souvenir Shop **GROUP OVERNIGHT PACKAGE** - Natural Spring Rabbitry - Large Parking Area **Bonfire Area** P 999.00/head (minimum of 25 pax) For inquiries and reservations, contact 0917-504-9213 or 0917-305-4929.

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Asparagus

Psalms 69:30 (NKJV)

I will praise the name of God with a song, And will magnify Him with thanksgiving.

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Ephesians 4:1-4

¹I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, ²with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, ³endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

C. Fellowship with God and with one another is laboring together in the gospel.

Philippians 1:27

Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.

To experience true fellowship with other believers, join together in laboring for the gospel. There are always differences in every person but our core, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, will enable us to fulfill the great commission.

D. Fellowship with God is a matter of shared life in Him.

Fellowship with God and with one another is not just a matter of subscribing to correct doctrines about Jesus. It is a matter of receiving new life through the new birth. This new life leads to a growing, deepening fellowship with God and with His people.

Being born into a family is essential to become part of the family. Without new life, there cannot be any fellowship. But when there is new life, that child will grow and begin to communicate with his parents and with his brothers and sisters.

When you have experienced new life in Christ, then the Father lovingly cares for every aspect of your life. Such fellowship with God through Christ is not automatic or effortless. Relationships take time and effort. A married couple must be committed to work through difficulties or hurt feelings. They must work hard at communication and avoid temptations that would create distance or divide them.

Fellowship with God is no different. You've got to work at it, make time for it, and turn away from things that would create distance between you and God. Of course, sin hinders fellowship, but so do other things. The enemy will try to get you to anything except spend time alone with God. It may be TV, the newspaper, work, hobbies, or time with your friends. But if you allow these things to crowd out consistent time in God's Word and in prayer, you will not grow close to God in genuine fellowship.

As you grow in fellowship with God, you will find that increasingly, His purposes and desires become your purposes and desires.

Conclusion

Fellowship with God and with one another really has the same message of the two Great Commandments, to love God with all your being, and to love your neighbor as yourself. As we grow in obedience to these two Great Commandments, we will grow in great joy, not only in this life, but also for all eternity!

I encourage you, work on your relationship with God. Don't settle for occasional, distant fellowship. Make time daily to spend with Him in His Word and in prayer. Cut out from your life anything that hinders fellowship with Him.

Work out your relationships with other believers. In this sinful world, such relationships will never be perfect, but they can be good. But they won't be good without effort! The payoff is that true fellowship with one another and true fellowship with God will bring you true joy.

Acts 2:42-47

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Write the points to remember from the sermon as you seek God in your life.

What is God's message for you through the sermon?

