

You have been invited to have ...  
**FELLOWSHIP WITH THE FATHER & HIS SON**

1 John 1:3 BSB **SLIDE**

*We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And **this fellowship of ours is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ.***

*I don't pray as much as I used to!  
I don't pray about **my personal needs** like many Christians do ...  
Ever since I discovered this place of Fellowship with The Father and His Son.*

**SLIDE** It appears that many Christians only come to God with the weight of their needs upon their shoulders and try to pray them off.

**SLIDE** Truth is, we can become so burdened by OUR needs that they **BECOME OUR FOCUS** & STAND INBETWEEN US & GOD, till ALL WE SEE IS OUR NEEDS LOOMING RIGHT IN FRONT OF US.

*And while I believe we should make our requests known to God as we are told to do in Philippians 4:6 ... I HAVE DISCOVERED SOMETHING FAR MORE WONDERFUL & WORTHWHILE ...*

***I DISCOVERED THIS WONDERFUL PLACE OF FELLOWSHIP WITH THE FATHER & HIS SON WHERE THEY ARE ALL I SEE & WHERE MY PERSONAL NEEDS SEEM TO JUST 'FADE' AWAY.***

*I don't need to pray about my needs when I am in the company of 'Him Who Created All Life' and His Son.*

**SLIDE** *This Is Fellowship Without Prayer ...  
Heart To Heart Connection ...*

**NOT ASKING FOR ANYTHING, BUT GAINING EVERYTHING**

**NB:** *Personal circumstances may still be raging everywhere ... but HERE IN THIS PLACE I KNOW MY LIFE BELONGS TO MY FATHER & HIS SON ...AND COMPARED TO THEM ... EVERYTHING ELSE SEEMS SO INSIGNIFICANT.*

*Years ago I found **THIS PLACE WITH MY FATHER GOD** ...  
And my needs faded from centre-stage ... prayer turned into thanksgiving ...  
And The Father & Son became all-in-all.*

**I FOUND FELLOWSHIP WITH THE FATHER & HIS SON**

**IN THIS PLACE: THE FATHER'S PEACE & JOY BECOME  
OVERWHELMING ... **COMMANDING LIFE IN EVERY SPHERE** ... HIS  
PRESENCE FILLS EVERY SPACE AND I KNOW THAT ALL MY  
NEEDS WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF – **I DON'T EVEN NEED TO THINK  
ABOUT THEM ANYMORE!****

**HERE, THE FATHER IS NOT JUST A PRIORITY ...**

**HE'S EVERYTHING**

**HE DOESN'T JUST TAKE FIRST PLACE ...**

**HE TAKES ALL PLACE**

**THIS IS ... FELLOWSHIP WITH THE FATHER & HIS SON**

**'Fellowship' is the word (koinōnia) (Koy / No / Nee-ah) which means ...  
A COMMON CONNECTION ... **A MUTUAL SHARING ON COMMON  
GROUND** – FELLOWSHIP – **SHARING THINGS IN COMMON****

**THIS IS THE SAME WORD AS IS USED FOR THE COMMUNION  
TABLE**

**1 Corinthians 10:16**

***The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not **the communion** of the  
blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not **the  
communion** of the body of Christ?***

**AT THE COMMUNION TABLE, **WE SHARE WITH OTHER  
BELIEVERS OUR COMMON BELIEF** IN JESUS CHRIST.**

**We are all believers ... we all love Jesus**

**➤ IN THIS FELLOWSHIP WITH THE FATHER & HIS SON  
WE ALSO SHARE THINGS IN COMMON**

****SLIDE** WHAT DO WE HAVE IN COMMON WITH THE FATHER & HIS  
SON THAT WE SHOULD HAVE COMMUNION OR FELLOWSHIP**

- WE HAVE THE SAME SPIRIT AS THE FATHER.**

**1 Corinthians 2:12 KJV**

***Now **we have received**, not the spirit of the world, but **the  
Spirit which is of God**; that we might know the things that are  
freely given to us of God.***

## **WE ARE OF THE SAME SPIRIT AS GOD HIMSELF**

1 Corinthians 12:13 NLT

*... We have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.*

- **WE HAVE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE FATHER**

2 Corinthians 5:21 BSB

*God made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.*

## **WE HAVE THE SAME RIGHTEOUSNESS AS GOD HIMSELF**

- **WE BELONG TO THE HOUSEHOLD OF THE FATHER**

Ephesians 2:19 BSB

*... You are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of God's household.*

## **WE BELONG TO THE SAME FAMILY AS THE FATHER HIMSELF**

### **THESE ARE THE THINGS WE FELLOWSHIP IN.**

*In this we discover not only who The Father & Son are, but **who we really are.***

**Being sons of Adam begins to fade as being a 'son' of God becomes real.**

And I realise more and more who I am now in Christ.

**GOD WILL NEVER RELATE TO YOU AS A SON OF ADAM ...  
HE WILL ONLY RELATE TO YOU AS HIS CHILD.**

➤ **IN THIS FELLOWSHIP WITH THE FATHER & HIS SON  
WE HAVE UNRESTRICTED ACCESS TO THIS FELLOWSHIP  
WITHOUT RITUAL OR FORMALITY**

*The other day, I was reading a sermon about our text in 1 John from a preacher I really admire. **Unfortunately** he said something I categorically reject. **He said, 'We must come to fellowship with The Father confessing our sin.'***

**NB: THERE IS NO CONFESSING OF SIN TO APPROACH THE FATHER ...  
**THERE IS CONFESSING RIGHTEOUSNESS ...****

Ephesians 2:18 NKJV

*For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father*

**THERE IS NO REPENTING ... THERE IS THANKSGIVING –**

Psalm 95:2 NKJV **SLIDE**

*Let us come before His presence **with thanksgiving**; let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.*

**THIS IS THANKSGIVING FOR HAVING BEEN ALREADY FORGIVEN.**

*You don't come to be forgiven ... You come because you have been forgiven.*

**IN FACT YOU ARE ALREADY THERE POSITIONALLY ... SEATED WITH CHRIST ...**

When we now come to Fellowship with The Father & His Son we experience where we are and who we are.

The Prodigal tried to come back to The Father by confessing his sin **BUT THE FATHER TOTALLY DISCARDED HIS CONFESSION.**

**SLIDE** THE PRODIGAL'S CONFESSION OF SIN WAS ...

- SWALLOWED UP IN THE FATHER'S EMBRACE
- DISSOLVED IN THE FATHER'S KISS OF AFFECTION ...
- SMOTHERED UNDER THE ROBE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS ...
- REJECTED BY THE RING OF SONSHIP ...
- OVERRULED BY THE SHOES OF HOLINESS.

The Prodigal had been dead to fellowship but **never dead to his sonship.**

Once we're a 'son' we are always a son and **we are willingly welcomed home.**

Now based on his enduring sonship the Prodigal entered straight back into fellowship with his father.

- **THIS IS THE PLACE WE ARE MEANT TO BE SPIRITUALLY. AND GOD WAITS FOR OUR SPIRITUAL SELVES TO COME & SHARE WHO WE ARE WITH WHO HE IS**

➤ **IN THIS FELLOWSHIP WE SHARE IN AN ALREADY ESTABLISHED FELLOWSHIP WITH THE FATHER & HIS SON**

1 John 1:3 BSB **SLIDE**

... *This fellowship of ours is with **the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ.***

This fellowship between the Father and The Son **already pre-existed**. A FELLOWSHIP THAT THEY HAD FROM BEFORE TIME BEGAN ...

John 17:21 NLT **SLIDE**

*I pray that they will all be one, **just as you and I are one**—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And **may they be [one] in us** so that the world will believe you sent me.*

**SLIDE** YOU ARE INVITED TO SHARE IN THE ESTABLISHED FELLOWSHIP OF THE FATHER & HIS SON ... **OPENNESS OF LOVE & WISDOM AND PEACE AND JOY THAT FLOWS BETWEEN THEM.**

*Peace that passes our understanding ... Joy unspeakable*

**THIS FELLOWSHIP BETWEEN THE FATHER & SON IS SO DYNAMIC ... IT'S ESSENCE FILLS THEIR HOUSE  
**IT IS AN OVERFLOW FROM THEIR BEAUTIFUL & SPIRITUALLY MANIFEST CONNECTION****

**WE SHARE IN THEIR OVERWHELMING RELATIONSHIP.  
THIS FELLOWSHIP IS **INCLUSIVE****

**NB: THIS IS GOD THE FATHER CALLING US TO **ENTER INTO FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM & HIS SON IN THEIR HOME** –  
THE HOME OF THE FATHER & HIS SON ...  
WHERE WE ARE OVERWHELMED WITH EVERYTHING ABOUT HIM & HIS SON**

*This is Family-Fellowship over which The Father presides.  
We feel such **a sense of ease** ... the strong secure sense of His universal authority overshadowing you ... where you know everything else is taken care of and nothing can harm you ...*

➤ **SLIDE** IN THIS FELLOWSHIP I FIND OUT  
**THE FATHER IS INTERESTED IN ME**  
**EVERYTHING ABOUT ME ...**

*One of the last times I saw my father was in Christchurch N.Z.  
I was looking at my business papers in His Study when my Dad came in to see me. He sincerely wanted to know what I had been*

*doing in Sydney and what my business was all about.  
He said, 'Tell me son about your business ... what is it?'*  
**HE GENUINLY WANTED TO KNOW**  
*When I told him ... his eyes lit up ... he wanted to know more and more. I could tell he was very proud of me.  
I took great pride in showing him our Catalogue which I had arranged ...  
I felt so proud ... as I knew he was proud of me.*  
**WE HAD FELLOWSHIP & I FELT SO ACCEPTED & SECURE**

➤ **IN THIS FELLOWSHIP**  
**WE EXPERIENCE AN EXTRAVAGANT FEAST**

**THERE IS *THE SUPER-ABUNDANCE OF SPIRITUAL FOOD***

**THE LAST THING WE READ ABOUT THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL WAS THAT THEY FEASTED ON THE FATTED CALF & THERE WAS SINGING & REJOICING ...**

**SLIDE NB: THE FINAL OBJECTIVE AFTER THE ROBE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS ... THE RING OF SONSHIP ... THE SHOES OF HOLINESS ... WAS THE FEAST OF FELLOWSHIP.**

Look at what The Father said to the Elder Brother who remained with the servants and refused to come into fellowship.

Luke 15:31 NIV

*'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and **everything I have is yours.**'*

**HOW GENEROUS IS HE?**  
**THE FATHER'S RESOURCES ARE 'SUPER-ABUNDANT'**  
**AND HE HIMSELF IS LAVISH & GENEROUS**

**AND YET, SO MANY CHRISTIANS ARE MALNOURISHED ... THEY ARE SPIRITUALLY HUNGRY ... BECAUSE THEY DO NOT KNOW *THIS PLACE OF FELLOWSHIP WITH THE FATHER & HIS SON***

**THE TABLE OF PSALM 23 IS IN THE FATHER'S HOUSE ...  
YOUR HEAD IS ANOINTED THERE ... YOUR CUP OVERFLOWS ...**

➤ **HERE WE START TO DISCOVER  
THE WONDER OF WHO THEY ARE**

**THIS FATHER & HIS SON REMAIN A GREAT MYSTERY ...**  
**And so they should ... They are not of This World ...**

**Matthew 6:9 ASV**

**'Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed [separate and holy] is Thy name.'**

**HE IS UNCOMMON**

➤ **WE EXPERIENCE THIS FELLOWSHIP**  
**BY WAITING ON GOD**

**Walter Beautler used to come at 2am every morning and sit with The Father & The Son. He would say, 'Father, I haven't come to pray ... I've just come to sit with You, Lord'**

**WHY DO WE COME TO THE FATHER & HIS SON IN FELLOWSHIP?**

***I fellowship with someone because I enjoy their company ...***  
***I find them inspiring ... I find them entertaining ...***  
***I find them encouraging ...***

**BUT YET THERE'S MORE**

**WHY WOULD I TURN ASIDE & SPEND TIME IN THIS FELLOWSHIP?**

- **ONCE YOU HAVE FELT HIS ACCEPTANCE YOU WANT TO BASK IN IT**
- **ONCE YOU HAVE TASTED HIS GOODNESS YOU WANT TO TASTE MORE**
- **ONCE YOU HAVE **SMELLED HIS FRAGRANCE** YOU WANT TO **LINGER IN IT****

**Song of Solomon 1:3 NKJV**

***Because of the fragrance of your good ointments, Your name is ointment poured forth; therefore the virgins love you.***

- **ONCE YOU HAVE SAMPLED HIS WINE YOU WANT TO SIP MORE**

**Song of Solomon 1:2 NLT**

***... Your love is sweeter than wine***

***(Wine = the best luxury this world can offer)***

**YOU WON'T WANT TO BE ANYWHERE ELSE ...**

***IN FACT YOU WILL FIND IT HARD TO COME BACK TO THE  
MUNDANE TASKS OF THE EARTH ...***

***THIS IS FELLOWSHIP WITH THE FATHER & HIS SON JESUS  
CHRIST.***