

"WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP ONE WITH ANOTHER"

(1 John 1:7)

INTRODUCTION

(1 John 1:6-7) "If we say that we have **fellowship with him**, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have **fellowship one with another ...** "

"Fellowship" - communion; sharing in common; partaker or partner; brotherhood.

"With him" - with God and his Son, Jesus, by "walking in the light" and "doing the truth"

"One with another" - that's us, brethren. Our "fellowship" is conditioned on our "fellowship with Him." (see v3)

(1 Peter 3:8-9) 6 "ONE ANOTHER" ITEMS THAT IDENTIFY OUR "CALLING"

("FELLOWSHIP")

"Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion **one of another**, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing."

1. "Be ye all of **one mind**" - like-minded; live in harmony with one another; unity of spirit.

(Phil. 2:2) "Fulfill ye my joy, that ye **be like-minded**, having the **same love**, being of **one accord**, or **one mind**." (also v18-21)

2. "Having **compassion one of another**" - to be moved over another's distress; to suffer with another; to display mercy; to show kindness or benevolence toward another.

3. "**Love as brethren**" - words and actions that seek the best for another.

4. "**Be pitiful**" ("tenderhearted") - of good heartedness; having a heart full of affection; very caring; render pity. (see James 5:11)

5. "**Be courteous**" - free from self-centeredness and selfishness; humble minded; polite; gracious; well-mannered; considerate of others. (see Acts 27:3 and 24:23)

6. "**Blessing**" - to speak well of; to praise; to make happy (beatitudes); congratulate. (Romans 12:17; 1 Thess. 5:15)

CLOSE - "... knowing that ye are thereunto called ... " - it's God's idea to do this.

"... that ye should inherit a blessing" - God will bless us, make us happy.