

# PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

## ***The Confidence of Communion***

What **IS** communion?

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The NT word = "**Participation in Partnership**"

- It is translated as both **Communion & Fellowship**
- Even as **Partnership & Sharing** (NIV & Holman)

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**I Corinthians 10:16**, "The cup of blessing that we give thanks for, is it not the (**communion/participation/sharing**) of **the blood of Christ**? The bread that we break, is it not the (**communion/participation/sharing**) of **the body of Christ**?"

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**II Corinthians 6:14 & 13:14**, "Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what (**fellowship/partnership**) has righteousness with lawlessness? And what (**communion/fellowship**) has light with darkness?"

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the (**communion/fellowship**) of **the Holy Spirit** be with you all."

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**Philippians 1:3-5, 2:1 & 3:10** "I thank my God... for your (**fellowship/partnership**) in the gospel"

"If there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any (**fellowship/participation/sharing**) of **the Spirit**, if any affection and mercy"

"My goal is to **know Him** and the power of His resurrection and the (**fellowship/participation**) of **His sufferings**"

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**I John 1:3**, "We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have **fellowship** with us. And our **fellowship** is **with the Father** and with **his Son, Jesus Christ**." (**John 17:20-23**)

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So, do we have **confidence** (you & I) in **this communion**?

- Confident in **our fellowship** with Christ **in** each other?
- Do we see them as **one & the same**? (With Him & each other)
- "**Our Father in Heaven**"

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The Apostle Paul wants us to **share his confidence!**

**Philippians 1:6 & 2:13**, "Being confident of this, that **He who began** a good work in you **will carry it on to completion** until the day of Christ Jesus."

"For **it is God who works in you** both to will and to do for His good pleasure."

And his (Paul's) confidence is **in God in you (Us)!**

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**How** will He complete **His work in us**? (You, me & Us)

- **Psalms 105:19** – Patiently, as we obey Him.
- Abraham, Joseph, Moses, David...

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**What** has He begun that is not complete yet?

- **John 5:19 & 20:21** (One step at a time)
- Whatever **He reveals** to us (You, me & Us)
- As we watch & listen, and **He works in us**
- **He chooses for us**, we don't choose for Him

- Never in one at the expense of **the Body**

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**II Timothy 1:12**, "I know **whom I have believed** and am persuaded that **He is able** to keep **what I have committed to Him** until that Day."

**What** have we committed to Him... entirely?

God's **relationship priorities** for our lives:

- 1) - God, **Mark 12:29-30**
- 2) - Marriage, **Genesis 2:21-24**
- 3) - Family, **Exodus 20:12 & I Timothy 5:8**
- 4) - Church, **\*Matthew 12:46-50\***
- 5) - World, **Romans 10:14 & I Corinthians 5:9-10**

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NEXT SUNDAY:  
**"Who We Are"** (PCF)