

## Part XII

### “Called To A True Heart of Worship In His Presence!”

#### Various Scriptures

“A ‘True Heart of Worship’ is molded and fashioned around the **12 Double Pillars of the Worship Service**. However, these **Ancient Paths** are all but lost to us today, in our fast paced lifestyle both during the work week, and on Sunday morning in our church worship service. Nevertheless, together we search out these ancient paths and strive to place them into our everyday lives, and our life together, over the next four weeks.”

#### Ancient Paths & Obedience

“Thus Says the Lord: “Stand in the **Ways** and see, and ask for the **Ancient Paths**, where the **Good Way Is**, and **Walk in Them**; then you will find rest for your souls!” But they replied, “We will not walk in **Them!**”

Jeremiah 6:16

#### **12 Double Pillars of the Worship Service**

##### Worship In Song

1. Praise & Worship (Hymns & Psalms)
2. Glory & Honor (God: Father, Son, & Spirit)

##### Worship In the Word

3. Preaching & Teaching (Hermeneutics: Historical & Theological)
4. Conviction & Repentance (Heart / Soul Sorrow & Salvation)
5. Admonish & Rebuke (Correction & Restoration)

##### Worship In the Spirit

6. Awe & Majesty (Presence & Relationship)
7. Power & Might (Authority & Strength)
8. Holy & Sacred (Holiness & Sanctification)

##### Worship In His Will

9. Prayer & Devotion (Conversation & Contemplation)
10. Blessing & Thanksgiving (Gifts & Gratitude)

##### Worship In Communion

11. Edification & Encouragement (Instruction & Uplifting)
12. Fellowship & Friendship (Community & Companionship)

*This Week's Investigation, Contemplation, & Implementation Will Focus On:*

##### **Worship In Communion**

12. **Fellowship** & **Friendship** (Community & Companionship)

##### Scriptural Roots of Fellowship

(Intimacy / Relationship)

**Noun** - Object / Thing

##### Scriptural Roots of Gathering as Community

(Communion / Cooperation)

**Verb** - Action / Offering

##### Fellowship as Relationship

“Biblical Fellowship is Expressed in a Loving Relationship Where We Form Deep Abiding Friendships that Foster Community in Unity With God & One Another!”

##### Gathering as Community

“Biblical Community is a Loving Joint Cooperation & Participation Where Believers Come Alongside One Another For Mutual: Aid, Companionship, Encouragement, Fellowship, Growth, Maturity, Service, & Unity!”

### Scriptures Concerning Fellowship

Fellowship is a Promise of God's Divine Presence: [Genesis 28:10-22](#), [Exodus 33:12-23](#), [Deuteronomy 20:1-4](#), [Isaiah 43:1-7](#), [Matthew 18:20](#) & [28:20](#). Fellowship Requires A Deep Abiding in Christ: [John 15:1-17](#), [1<sup>st</sup> John Chapters 2 & 3](#) & [2<sup>nd</sup> John Chapter 1](#). Fellowship Is 2-Fold in Faith: 1) God & 2) One Another: [1<sup>st</sup> John 1:1-10](#), [1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:1-10](#). God Is Near to All Who Desire to Draw Near to Him: [Psalms 16:8](#), [34:17-20](#), [73:23-28](#), [119:151](#), & [145:1-21](#), [Hebrews 10:19-25](#) & [James 4:7-8](#). Fellowship With God Is Available To All: [Genesis 5:22-24](#) & [Genesis 6:8-9](#), [Numbers 12:7-8](#), [Deuteronomy 34:10](#), [Joshua 1:1-9](#), [Luke 24:13-49](#), [Acts 17:26-28](#), [Revelation 3:20](#). Fellowship of Believers Gives Us Unity in God's Family: [Galatians 2:7-10](#) & [Revelation 22:6-9](#).

### A Scripture Demonstrating Fellowship in the Church

**Paul Instructs the Church**, *"Therefore, remember that you, were once Gentiles in the flesh, who are called 'Uncircumcision' by what is called the 'Circumcision' made in the flesh by hands, that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the Commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the Covenants of Promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the Blood of Christ. For He Himself is Our Peace, Who Has Made Both One, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His Flesh the enmity, that is, the Law of Commandments contained in ordinances, so as To Create in Himself One New Man From the Two, thus Making Peace, and that He Might Reconcile Them Both to God in One Body Through the Cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached Peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For Through Him We Both Have Access by One Spirit to the Father. Now, Therefore, You Are No Longer Strangers and Foreigners, But Fellow Citizens with the Saints and Members of the Household of God, Having Been Built on the Foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Cornerstone, in Whom the Whole Building, Being Fitted Together, Grows Into a Holy Temple in the Lord, in Whom You also Are Being Built Together for a Dwelling Place of God in the Spirit ... For This Reason I, Paul, the Prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles, if indeed you have heard of the Dispensation of the Grace of God which was given to me for you, how that by Revelation He Made Known to Me the Mystery (as I have briefly written already, by which, when you read, You May Understand My Knowledge in the Mystery of Christ), which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been Revealed by the Spirit to His Holy Apostles and Prophets: that the Gentiles Should Be Fellow Heirs, of the Same Body, and Partakers of His Promise in Christ Through the Gospel, of which I became a Minister according to the Gift of the Grace of God given to me by the Effective Working of His Power. To me, who am less than the least of all the Saints, this Grace was given, that I should Preach among the Gentiles the Unsearchable Riches of Christ, and to Make All See What is the Fellowship of the Mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God Who Created All Things through Jesus Christ; to the Intent that Now the Manifold Wisdom of God Might Be Made Known by the Church to the Principalities and Powers in the Heavenly Places, According to the Eternal Purpose which He Accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, in Whom We Have Boldness and Access with Confidence Through Faith in Him. Therefore, I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. For This Reason I Bow My Knees to the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, from Whom the Whole Family in Heaven and Earth is Named, That He Would Grant You, According to the Riches of His Glory, to be Strengthened with Might through His Spirit in the Inner Man, that Christ May Dwell in Your Hearts Through Faith; that You, Being Rooted and Grounded in Love, may be Able to Comprehend with All the Saints, What is the Width and Length and Depth and Height, to Know the Love of Christ Which Passes Knowledge; that You May Be Filled with All the Fullness of God. Now to Him Who Is Able To Do Exceedingly Abundantly Above All that We Ask or Think, According to the Power that Works in Us, to Him Be Glory in the Church by Christ Jesus to All Generations, Forever and Ever. Amen!" [Ephesians 2:11-22](#) & [3:1-21](#)*

## Scriptures Concerning Gathering as Community

Believers Are Called to Community in Unity: [Leviticus 19:9-18](#), [Psalm 133:1-3](#), [John 13:34-35](#), [Acts 2:42-47](#), [Romans 12:1-1](#), [1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:1-31](#), [2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 13:11-14](#), [Galatians 6:1-10](#), [Colossians 3:1-25](#), [Philippians 2:1-16](#), [2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 5:1-28](#), [James 5:13-20](#), [1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:1-25](#) & [4:1-16](#).

### A Scripture Demonstrating Gathering as Community in the Church

**Paul Instructs the Church**, *"I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, Beseech You To Walk Worthy of the Calling with Which You Were Called, with All Lowliness and Gentleness, with Longsuffering, Bearing with One Another in Love, Endeavoring To Keep the Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace. There Is One Body and One Spirit, just as You Were Called in One Hope of Your Calling; One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism; One God and Father of All, Who Is Above All, and Through All, and In You All. But To Each One of Us Grace Was Given According to the Measure of Christ's Gift. Therefore, He says: 'When He Ascended On High, He Led Captivity Captive, and Gave Gifts To Men.'* (Now this, 'He Ascended', what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He Who descended is also the One Who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) *And He Himself Gave Some to be Apostles, Some Prophets, Some Evangelists, and Some Pastors and Teachers, for the Equipping of the Saints for the Work of Ministry, for the Edifying of the Body of Christ, Till We All Come to the Unity of the Faith and of the Knowledge of the Son of God, to a Perfect Man, to the Measure of the Stature of the Fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, Speaking the Truth in Love, May Grow Up in All Things into Him Who is the Head, Christ, from Whom the Whole Body, Joined and Knit Together by What Every Joint Supplies, According to the Effective Working by Which Every Part Does Its Share, Causes Growth of the Body for the Edifying of Itself in Love.*

[Ephesians 4:1-16](#)

### Scriptural Roots of Friendship

(Companionship / Comradery)

**Noun** - Object / Thing

### Scriptural Roots of Companionship

(Cherished / Sharing)

**Verb** - Action / Offering

**Friendship as Comradery**

*"Biblical Friendship is Expressed as a Deep Abiding Love*

*That is Binding, Enduring, Self-Sacrificing, & Closer Than Any Family Relationship!"*

**Companionship as Sharing**

*"Biblical Companionship us Expressed as a Deep Abiding Love*

*That is Binding, Cherished, Giving, Intimate, & Sharing With Others in the Body of Christ!"*

### Scriptures Concerning Friendship

**Solomon Opines**, *"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity!"*<sup>1</sup> ... *"There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother!"*<sup>2</sup> ... *"Do not forsake your own friend or your father's friend, nor go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity; better is a neighbor nearby than a brother far away!"*<sup>3</sup> ... *"As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend!"*<sup>4</sup>

[Proverbs 17:17](#), <sup>1</sup> [18:24b](#), <sup>2</sup> [27:10](#) <sup>3</sup> & [27:17](#) <sup>4</sup>

### More On Friendship

True Friendship: [1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 18:1](#) & [20:1-42](#), [2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 15:37](#), [1<sup>st</sup> Kings 5:1](#), [2nd Kings 2:1-25](#), [2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 20:7](#), [Malachi 3:16-18](#), [1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 1:1-2](#) & [2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:1-2](#). Godly Friendship: [Exodus 33:9-11](#), [Job 29:1-4](#), [John 3:29](#), [11:1-5](#), [13:1](#), [14:18](#), [15:12-15](#), [See the 'Disciple Whom Jesus Loved' & the 'Mystery Disciple' in John's Gospel: [1:35-40](#) <sup>1</sup> [11:1-44](#) <sup>2</sup> [12:1-11](#) <sup>3</sup> [13:21-26](#) <sup>4</sup> [18:15-16](#) <sup>5</sup> [19:25-37](#) <sup>6</sup> [20:1-10](#) <sup>7</sup> & [21:1-25](#) <sup>8</sup>], [Philemon 1:1-7](#) & [James 2:23](#).

### Scriptures Concerning Companionship

**Solomon Opines**, *“There is one alone, without companion: He has neither son nor brother. Yet there is no end to all his labors, nor is his eye satisfied with riches. But he never asks, ‘For whom do I toil and deprive myself of good?’ This also, is vanity and a grave misfortune. Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up. Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; but how can one be warm alone? Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken!”* **Ecclesiastes 4:8-12**

### More On Companionship

Divine Companionship: **Numbers 12:7-8, Deuteronomy 34:10, Joshua 1:1-9, Zephaniah 3:9, Acts 13:1-3 & Hebrews 13:1-6.** Earthly Companionships: **Genesis 2:20-25, Exodus 2:13, Judges 14:11, Ruth 1:16-17, 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 15:21, 16:18 & 19:16-43, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 4:30, Psalm 119:63, Malachi 2:10-16, Luke 10:1, Romans 15:22-25 & 16:3-4, 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 9:5-6, Ephesians 5:21-33, Philippians 2:25-30, 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:16-18 & 4:11**

### **Personal Daily Question #1**

*“How Do I Implement **Fellowship** Into My Daily Life?”*

### **Personal Daily Answer #1**

- A) I Will Endeavor Daily to Forge a Stronger Bond of Fellowship With God the Indwelling Holy Spirit That Grows in a Loving Relationship!
- B) I Will Endeavor Daily To Forge a Stronger Bond of Community & Fellowship With All of You!

### **Sunday Worship Question #1**

*“How Do We Implement **Fellowship** Into Our Sunday Worship Service & Time Together?”*

### **Sunday Worship Answer #1**

- A) I Will Endeavor to Continually Remind Us that Everyone is Searching For True Family & Fellowship that Transcends Anything in this Life in: Acceptance, Grace, Love, Mercy, & Unity.
- B) The Worship Team Will Focus Individually & Together on Creating Songs That Express Community & Fellowship as a Constant Theme In Our Praise & Worship Services.

### **Personal Daily Question #2**

*“How Do I Implement **Friendship** Into My Daily Life?”*

### **Personal Daily Answer #2**

- A) I Will Endeavor Daily to Forge an Eternal & Intimate Friendship With God the Indwelling Holy Spirit That Grows in a Cherished Companionship!
- B) I Will Endeavor Daily to Forge a Deeply Trusted Comradery With All of You!

### **Sunday Worship Question #2**

*“How Do We Implement **Friendship** Into Our Sunday Worship Service & Time Together?”*

### **Sunday Worship Answer #2**

- A) I Will Endeavor to Continually Reminds Us that Everyone is Searching For True Companionship & Friendship that Transcends Anything in this Life in: Commitment, Comradery, Forgiveness, Loyalty, & Trust.
- B) The Worship Team Will Focus Individually & Together on Creating Songs That Express Companionship & Fellowship as a Constant Theme In Our Praise & Worship Services.

### **NEXT WEEK**

### **Part XIII**

*“Called To A True Heart of Worship In His Presence!”*

**Putting It All Together Day By Day As An Act  
Of Communion in Unity With God & One Another**