LIVE OAK CHURCH

Taking A Stand For Fellowship

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Psalm 95:1-7

Introduction: What is Fellowship?

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I. Fellowship is Unity

A. I am not asking on behalf of these alone, but also for those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one; just as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you sent me. The glory which you have given me I also have given to them, so that they may be one, just as we are one. - John 17:20-22

B. For just as we have many parts in one body and all the body's parts do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually parts of one another. - Romans 12:4-5

C. God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Now I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment. - 1 Corinthians 1:9-10

II. Fellowship is Humility

A. Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility consider one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. - Philippians 2:1-4

B. Do all things without complaining or arguments. - Philippians 2:14

III. Fellowship is Charity

A. Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaint. As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the multifaceted grace of God. Whoever speaks is to do so as one who is speaking actual words of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. - 1 Peter 4:8-11

IV. Fellowship is Adversity

A. For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer on His behalf, experiencing the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear to be in me. - Philippians 1:29-30

B. That I may know Him & the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His suffering, being conformed to His death.
- Philippians 3:10

C. And if one part of the body suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if a part is honored, all the parts rejoice with it. Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it.
- 1 Corinthians 12:26-27

D. Brothers and sisters, even if a person is caught in any wrongdoing, you who are spiritual are to restore such a person in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you are not tempted as well. Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.
- Galatians 6:1-2

E. So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so must you do also. In addition to all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.
- Colossians 3:12-14

V. Fellowship is Christ-centered Community

A. But if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.
- 1 John 1:7

B. Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with me. The one who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit with me on my throne, as I also overcame and sat with my Father on His throne.
- Revelation 3:20-21