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*forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*

- **Encouragement.**

*1 Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.*

- **Confession and Prayer.**

*James 5:16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.*

- **Use of spiritual gifts.**

*1 Peter 4:10 Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.*

- **Hospitality.**

*1 Pet. 4:9 Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.*

*Acts 2:42-47 (For further study: Acts 4:32-37; John 13:34-35)*

*Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. <sup>25</sup> Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

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## Grow: Go Deeper With People

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### Basis of Christian Fellowship

#### 1. **Family:** Children of God; Co-heirs with Christ.

*Rom. 8:16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. <sup>17</sup> Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ...*

#### 2. **Body:** We Belong.

*Romans 12:4-5 Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.*

#### 3. **Equals** at the Foot of the Cross.

*Philippians 1:7 It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. (Philemon 6; 1 John 1:3-7)*

### Nature of Christian Fellowship

#### Commitment to One Another...

- **Devotion.**

*Romans 12:10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.*

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- **Selflessness.**

*Philippians 2:3-4 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

- **Service.**

*Galatians 5:13 You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.*

- **Giving.**

*2 Cor. 8:7 But just as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us--see that you also excel in this grace of giving.*

#### **Taste of the fellowship...**

- **Harmony.**

*1 Pt. 3:8 Live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.*

- **Acceptance.**

*Romans 15:7 Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.*

- **Kindness.**

*1 Thessalonians 5:15 Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else.*

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- **Patience.**

*Colossians 3:13 Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*

- **Love.**

*1 John 4:11-12 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.*

#### **Learning Together...**

- **Instruction.**

*Romans 15:14 I myself am convinced, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, complete in knowledge and competent to instruct one another.*

- **Admonition.**

*Col. 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. Teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.*

#### **Relational Ministry to Each Other**

- **Bearing burdens.**

*Galatians 6:2 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.*

- **Forgiveness.**

*Ephesians 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another,*

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