

Know and Do—Understanding the Church (Series Outline from Capitol Hill Baptist Church)

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Understanding the Church, Week 6: "Biblical Fellowship" (know portion)

I. Definition of biblical fellowship—_____

- A. **Christians**—"Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?"—**2 Corinthians 6:14**
- B. **Joyfully**—"So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. "—**Philippians 2:1–2**
- C. **Seeking**—"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. "—**Acts 2:42**
- D. **Christ**—
- i. "that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ."— **1 John 1:3**
 - ii. "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you."—**Philippians 3:14–15**
- E. **Together**—"But if we walk in the light, as he 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**

- F. ¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” —**Hebrews 10:19–25**

II. The foundation of biblical fellowship— _____ (vv. 19–22).

III. How do I know if fellowship is _____ (vv. 23–25).

1. **a shared confession of faith:** ²³*Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.*
2. **seeking good works:** ²⁴*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,*
3. **seeking to understand Scripture:** ²⁴*And let us consider*
4. **accountable to one another:** ²⁵*not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some,*
5. **encouraging one another:** *but encouraging one another, and*
6. **maturing spiritually:** *all the more*
7. **focused on what’s to come:** *as you see the Day drawing near.*

Understanding the Church, Week 6: “Biblical Fellowship” (do portion)

1. Name a consequence of not defining biblical fellowship well.
2. Our working definition of biblical fellowship is “Christians joyfully seeking Christ together.” For each word, describe how this fellowship is uniquely biblical.
 - a. Christians (2 Cor. 6:14)—
 - b. Joyfully (Phil. 2:1–2)—
 - c. Seeking (Acts 2:42)—
 - d. Christ (1 John 1:3; Phil. 3:14–15)—
 - e. Together (1 John 1:7)—
3. Why is a passage about the gathered church (Heb. 10:19–25) also sufficient for defining biblical fellowship?
4. Why must biblical fellowship be founded on Christ?
5. Why is it important to recognize the church’s responsibly to provide biblical fellowship as opposed to some other idea of fellowship?
6. We saw seven marks of biblical fellowship in Hebrews 10. Explain briefly why each one of them is important for a faithful Christian life.
 - a. A shared confession of faith (v. 23)
 - b. We are seeking good works (v. 24)
 - c. We seek to understand Scripture (v. 24)
 - d. We are accountable to one another (v. 25)
 - e. We encourage one another (v. 25)
 - f. We are maturing spiritually (v. 25)
 - g. We are focused on what’s to come (v. 25)
7. What can you do to be more involved in biblical fellowship?