

ICG Bible Correspondence Course

Lesson Thirty – Fellowship with the Brethren – Questions and Answers

1] Fellowship is the religious interaction of church members...

- a. among themselves
- b. with God
- c. both **(c)**

2] Since this fellowship comes through being part of the body of Christ, it requires that one has repented, been baptized and, consequently, has received God's Holy Spirit. True or False? **(True)**

3] It is a well understood principle that close camaraderie between members of a group enhances both the conviction of the individual and the strength of the entire group. True or False? **(True)**

4] Experience has shown that people who cut themselves off from the Church (which is the body of Christ) tend to lose sight of the goal and purpose of God's Way and wither spiritually. True or False? **(True)**

5] Are there any accounts of brethren meeting together on the Sabbath in the New Testament? Yes or No? **(Yes, see Acts 13:14, 42; 16:3)**

6] To reach the whole world with the gospel of Christ requires that the Church be a unified group, built of spiritually strong members, welded together in purpose, doctrine and love. True or False? **(True)**

7] Talking together, playing together and working together helps give the church...

- a. a single identity
- b. common goals
- c. shared characteristics
- d. all of the above **(d)**

8] Who in the church has brought peace and broken down all social and racial barriers? **(Jesus Christ-Eph 2:14)**

9] God's Church is a true melting pot. True or False? **(True)**

10] The unity realized among the brethren is possible through God and His Spirit. True or False **(True)**

11] According to 1 John 1:3 our fellowship is truly with _____ and _____ [whom?] **(God the Father, Jesus Christ)**

12] According to Romans 8:9, we have unity with God the Father and Jesus Christ because of _____ [what?] in us. **(God's Holy Spirit)**

13] For one to truly be a Christian they must have the Holy Spirit dwelling in them. True or False? **(True)**

14] One becomes a member of the church after repentance, baptism and the receiving of the Holy Spirit. True or False? **(True)**

15] We members of the church who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak. True or False? **(True)**

16] Which of the following apply? Christians are instructed to...

- a. exhort one another every day
 - b. pray for one another
 - c. have love for the brethren
 - d. forbear and forgive one another
 - e. teach and admonish one another
 - f. sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts
 - g. help fulfill one another's physical needs
 - h. have sincere concern for widows, fatherless and those less fortunate
 - i. share
 - j. all of the above
- (j)**

17] The fellowship of the brethren is an important topic. Social contact among members builds a unified church and serves to strengthen the members spiritually and physically, and in the process the entire Church becomes a more powerful tool in God's hands. True or False? **(True)**

18] Normally, unbaptized family members or friends are not encouraged to attend church services or social activities. True or False? **(False, the ICG is an open-door, open-arms church and we extend a warm welcome to any nonbaptized person who desires to attend its services or social functions.)**

19] Which of the following apply? Fellowship includes...

- a. informal chatting before and after services
 - b. visiting in each other's homes
 - c. attending to the sick and those who have physical needs
 - d. attending organized church socials
 - e. participating in athletics together
 - f. performing music together
 - g. all of the above
- (g)**

20] God's Church is made up of those individuals who are sincerely striving toward salvation, and are earnestly attempting to exhibit every possible fruit of God's Holy Spirit in their lives. True or False? **(True)**

21] Once a person is baptized and receives the Holy Spirit, they never are subject to sin again. True or False? **(False, as long as one is human, he or she is subject to sin.)**

22] The ministry helps and guides the brethren in overcoming sins, no matter what the magnitude or nature of the sin may be, as long as the person is sincerely trying and indeed desires the help. True or False? **(True)**

23] Sometimes this help by the ministry in overcoming sin needs to be forced. True or False? **(False, this type of help can never be forced)**

24] Unfortunately, for complex reasons, some individuals occasionally harden themselves to sin and continue defiantly in it. True or False? **(True)**

25] These persons sometimes become bitter and attack or malign the very ones who love them the most [members and ministry]. True or False? **(True)**

26] The Church at these times recognizes its responsibility to protect the congregation by withdrawing its fellowship from the dissident for the good of the Church and ultimately for the good of the individual himself. True or False? **(True)**

27] This disfellowshipping is not to be equated with, and is totally different from, ostracism, court-martialing, legal sentencing, cursing, or the like. True or False? **(True)**

28] Disfellowshipping is the first action the church takes once it has been discovered a member is sinning without repentance. True or False? **(False, it is done only after all other measures have failed.)**

29] Disfellowshipping is a church tradition as we actually do not have New Testament examples of it being done. True or False? **(False, the Bible gives both example and the authority to disfellowship militant dissidents and sinners. - see 1 Corinthians 5)**

30] Neither the disfellowshipped or those who withdraw from fellowship are to be shunned, cursed or considered an enemy. True or False? **(True)**

31] Whenever a disfellowshipped individual repents before God of his sin or wrongdoing, he must be forgiven and comforted by the congregation. True or False? **(True)**

32] The Church takes great pleasure in accepting back into its fellowship any disfellowshipped person (no matter what the offense) once that person has truly changed his behavior, demeanor and/or disposition of mind. True or False? **(True)**

33] The person returning to the congregation need not repent before the congregation, nor to any individual member; repentance is toward God not man. True or False? **(True)**

34] It is the Church's utmost desire that any disfellowshipment will help stir repentance in the sinner and restore him to love and harmony within the congregation. True or False? **(True)**

35] The Church and its members must be quick to forgive and forget the sins of any disfellowshipped or inactive member upon his repentance. Such a person should be received back into the congregation with joy, making it as easy as possible for the member to be returned to fellowship. True or False? **(True)**