

# Friendship/Partnership

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## I. Introduction.

- A. There is something that God has created in each one of us that is of greater importance than any other person in any other place.
- B. The God of the telescope is the God of the microscope too. (1 Corinthians 15:41)
- C. God has a name for us that no us else knows. (Revelation 22)
- D. God has made all of us a little different in identity.
- E. In a special way, something that He has made in you is the most important thing.

II. The reason that God did not close down this world when the list of faithful had been compiled is because something was not perfect until we were included—that was fellowship with God. (1 Corinthians 1:9; Hebrews 11)

A. Fellowship is partnership. (Hebrews 2:14)

- 1. Christ became a partner in a bankrupt people that He might assume the debt of all of us.
- 2. An Israelite could not be drafted to the army after he was married for a whole year because he was supposed to cheer up his wife. One of the greatest ability we have is to cheer others up. The partnership with Christ does so much more. (Deuteronomy 24:5)

B. Fellowship is friendship.

- 1. A friend loves at all times.
- 2. There is a friend that sticks closer than a brother—Christ.

C. Fellowship is companionship.

- 1. Enoch pleased God, and He took him home. (Genesis 5:24)
- 2. Although a mother can forget her child, God does not forget one. (Isaiah 49:15)
- 3. God is more interested in you than your service for Him.

## IV. Conclusion.

A. Two cannot walk together unless they are agreed. (Amos 3:3)

B. God is faithful by whom you have called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus. (1 Corinthians 1:9)

**Application questions.**

1. What are the three characteristics of fellowship? Explain these.

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2. Which characteristic stood out to you? Why?

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3. How has this message heightened your understanding of your relationship with God? What value do you have before Him? Why must there be an element of agreement in the relationship?

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