

Review: The Four First Class Conditions of Phil. 2:1; True Happiness Is: Thinking the Same Things, Love for God, Harmony of Soul; Spiritual Growth, v. 2

16. True fellowship is with God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Christian fellowship is a by-product that results in spiritual camaraderie among believers. The more theologically in sync two believers are the more meaningful the fellowship.

Philippians 2:1 - [Protasis: expanded translation] If there is any encouragement [*paraklēsis*, **paraklēsis**] from one's position in Christ, if there is any comforting sense of well-being [*paramūtion*, **paramuthion**] in the love of God, if there is any fellowship [*koinōnia*, **koinōnia**] in the filling of the Holy Spirit, if there are any resultant mental attitudes of compassion [*splanchna*, **splanchna**] and sympathy [*oiktirmos*, **oiktirmos**], and there are,

Philippians 2:2 - [Apodosis] bring to completion the same true happiness I enjoy by thinking the same doctrinal principles, maintaining the status quo of personal love for God and occupation with Christ, in harmony of soul with other believers, intent on executing the sophisticated spiritual life.

1. Maintaining fellowship with others requires the ability to repress negative emotions and reject the temptations of lust patterns.