True Fellowship Is Gospel Centric

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Pietism Promotes Religious Oaths

James 5:12 (NASB)

But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but your yes is to be yes, and your no, no, so that you may not fall under judgment.

Matthew 5:34 (NASB)

% I say to you, make no oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God,+

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God Gives Grace to the Humble

James 4:6 (NASB)

But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, %God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.+

1Peter 5:5 (NASB)

You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.



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They Had Christian Fellowship and	
Practiced Bearing One Anothers Burde	ns

Acts 2:42 (NASB)

They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Acts 2:45 (NASB)

and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.

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True Fellowship Is Grounded in the Gospel

1John 1:3, 4 (NASB)

what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.

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True Fellowship Means Not Leaving Any Christian Behind

Hebrews 3:12, 13 (NASB)

Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God. But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called ‰day,+so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.



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1John 1:5 - 7 (NASB)

This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

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True Fellowship Is Created by the Holy Spirit

Philippians 2:1, 2 (NASB)

Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

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True Fellowship Means Obeying the Law of Christ

Galatians 6:2 (NASB)

Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.

1John 3:23 (NASB)

This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us.

1John 4:21 (NASB)

And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.



True Fellowship Means Separating from Darkness

2Corinthians 6:14 (NASB)

Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?

Acts 2:40 (NASB)

And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, % saved from this perverse generation!+

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Called into True Fellowship

1Corinthians 1:8, 9 (NASB)

who will also confirm you to the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

