

**Faith Christian Fellowship**  
**Sunday, October 21, 2018**  
**A Supernatural Church**

**11: Supernatural Disciples Take Responsibility**

**TEXT:** Ephesians 3:10 NLT God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display His wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. Psalm 103:7 / Acts 2:42

Contend for the supernatural: raise up and release a supernatural people, the supernatural church God intends us to be. So far: God wants to use the Church, and He has created us to be connected in order to fulfill our purpose. The supernatural church is an "us" thing, not a "me" thing. We moved past the gateway of being filled with the Spirit. A supernatural church does church supernaturally!

Church has 5 basic functions: Worship - Pray – Make Disciples - Fellowship – Do Ministry (service). How do we do them supernaturally?

Today, noting Acts 2:42, we move into the 4th area of church activity, fellowship. We see that there is a connection between receiving teaching and fellowship

- 1) Instruction and supernatural fellowship
  - a) Recapping supernatural discipleship:
    - i) Requires impartation not just instruction. Romans 1: 10-11
    - ii) It is your responsibility to learn the essentials of the faith in teaching meetings and personal discussion. (Learning application)
    - iii) Learn to follow the Holy Spirit
  - b) Finding and forming supernatural growth relationships that instruction bleeds over into fellowship. Note Acts 2:42 again "to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship."
  - c) Teaching without fellowship becomes dry and theoretical. Fellowship without teaching becomes divisive and self-indulgent.
- 2) What is fellowship?
  - a) The old saw I heard was "two fellows in the same ship." Christians all have the basic truths in common: we were hopelessly lost, and Jesus saved us. He is the way, etc.
  - b) What do you think of when you hear the term? Chit-chat and some relationally based fun?

- c) *Koinonia* comes from *koino* – common.+ partnership, participation, or (social) intercourse, benefaction:, communicate, communion, fellowship. Co-partakers.
- d) We do not share a lot in common. Indeed, to look upon one another from a human standpoint is to miss the entire point.
  - i) 1 Corinthians 1:26-29 We are a motley crew, not the cool kids. God doesn't love the foolish more than the wise, but the foolish love Him more than the wise do.
  - ii) 2 Corinthians 5:14-17. If you are looking for people like you to hang out with, you are missing the point.
- 3) Supernatural Fellowship organizes around:
  - a) 2 Peter 1:2-4. We fellowship because we share the same nature. When you hang out with unbelievers you are with a different species!
    - i) As believers, we share the divine nature. 1 John 3:2/ 4:17
    - ii) Fill in the blanks: God is \_\_\_\_\_, therefore I am \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b) Philippians 2:1-4 We share the wonderful presence of the Holy Spirit within. The world cannot relate. Fellowship around the Holy Spirit!!! 2 Corinthians 13:14 / Ephesians 1:13-14
  - c) 2Co 8:3-5. Enjoy the fellowship that comes from acting together to help others. We share a common desire to be a blessing to our fellows. Hebrews 13:16 / 2 Corinthians 9:13
  - d) Philippians 1:4-6. WE are on a common mission. Find the fellowship that comes from joining with others to spread the Good News. Philippians 1:4-6
  - e) 1 John 1:1-7. If your horizontal fellowship is lacking, check on the vertical. You can't have one without the other. Fellowship with those who walk in the light.
  - f) 1 Corinthians 10:14-23 . Sharing the fellowship (communion) of the loaf and the cup marking a turn from idols. Separation time. Married to Christ, no adultery allowed. 2 Corinthians 6:14-15

"Satan always hates Christian fellowship; it is his policy to keep Christians apart. Anything which can divide saints from one another he delights in. He attaches far more importance to godly intercourse than we do. Since union is strength, he does his best to promote separation."

Charles Spurgeon