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THE NARROW WAY PART 4 - HEAVEN'S DIVINE PATTERN FOR LIVING AN ETERNAL LIFE ON EARTH

Over the next five parts we are going to unpack each of the elements which go into making up heaven's divine pattern for how we live an eternal life on earth, being able to demonstrate the manifold wisdom of God as His people.

This divine pattern is.

1. Spiritual fellowship
2. Spiritual faith
3. Spiritual fruit
4. Spiritual function
5. Spiritual judgement

All these elements are of the Spirit and must be lived out in accordance with the Spirit. If they are not lived out in accordance with the Spirit, then we will never know the life of the Spirit. It's that simple.

1. Spiritual Fellowship

We touched on this in part two, which is called the position of first, but I want to take a much deeper look into what this spiritual fellowship is. As previously stated, we must have God's version of His truth, otherwise we put our definition on everything, which is a fleshly version, and this keeps us out of life.

Spiritual fellowship is first in this heavenly pattern and is a key element that has been misunderstood and miscommunicated over the years in the body. If we don't get the first position correct then every position after that is incorrect, because the first position informs the second and so on.

I have heard many describe fellowship in the context of friendship, fun and food, relational connection and just having some good quality time together. It's important to



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note that none of these things are wrong or bad, in fact they are good to do, but they are not spiritual fellowship.

All these things are of the natural, earth and not the eternal. Not wrong but of the natural.

Before the foundations of the world, God predestined those He had chosen to be in His Son Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1:4-5 “just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will.”

Jeremiah 1:4-5 “Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

This is the position of fellowship which mankind fell out of, when he partook of the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and the consequences have been catastrophic ever since.

Jesus Christ, the One we were created in, was the One whom the Father sent, to reconcile those He had chosen, back into this original spiritual position, called ‘fellowship’. This is the greatest promise and priority of the Father to His creation.

This is why the prayer of the Son in John 17 is that all those who have been predestined by God, would become one with them, as per their design at the beginning, when the Father said, ‘let us make man in our image’.

Genesis 1:26 “Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness.

John 17:21 “that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.”



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Oneness of Spirit, otherwise known as spiritual fellowship, is the most contested and fought over truth in the spiritual realm. The kingdom of darkness and all its forces will go to any lengths to prevent and stop God's people coming to know, and entering into, this deep posture of fellowship with the Father, Son and Spirit.

The demonic realm knows that if God's people enter into, and are perfected in unity, then spiritual fellowship with the Father and the Son is the outcome. This is true spiritual unity, not conformity to a man inspired, empowered, led and achieved purpose or task but true spiritual fellowship or oneness with God. True spiritual fellowship enables God's people to overcome and makes them an unshakable, unstoppable people, who live for the Father's will alone. These people are motivated by love and activated through Faith in Him.

This is the joy which Paul longs to experience and be made complete in, by God's people being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

Fellowship is one of the four elements which the early church where continually devoting themselves to, along with prayer, the apostles teaching and the breaking of bread.

Acts 2:42 "They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

The depth of spiritual fellowship we know and have laid hold of, determines the depth of relationship we have with Christ. If we have very little or no depth of fellowship with Christ, then we will find ourselves having a very shallow relationship with Him.

This is the same with fellow followers of Jesus. The depth of fellowship or spiritual oneness we have with one another, is in direct correlation to the depth of fellowship or spiritual oneness we have with Jesus.

Followers of the spirit know that true fellowship between other followers is only formed by the revelation of Jesus Christ that each follower carries within them. Any other form of fellowship, or unity is a counterfeit version.



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Performing a functional task or achieving a goal together doesn't build spiritual fellowship. This is a lie we have believed and adhered to. It may produce a good work that others receive a benefit or blessing from, but it will not produce a true spiritual unity or fellowship of the spirit.

Only the continuous revelation of Jesus Christ - the Word of God, received and implanted within a follower's heart will build spiritual fellowship with the Father and other followers.

It is that simple, while being profoundly deep.

QUESTIONS

1. Why is spiritual fellowship first in this heavenly pattern?
2. How does this spiritual fellowship inform and define all the other elements?
3. Why is spiritual oneness or fellowship so contested for in the realm of the spirit by the kingdom of darkness?
4. How much of that battle are you actually in and aware of?
5. Why is it only the revelation of the Word of God that produces spiritual fellowship/unity and not a task, project or the achievement of a common goal?
6. How much of your life is being defined and built by this first element called 'spiritual fellowship?'

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