

2 Corinthians 13:13

The grace of the **Lord Jesus Christ**, and the love of **God**, and the fellowship of the **Holy Spirit** be with you **all**.

Paul wanted the Corinthian Christians to be completely blessed by all of **Who God is**.

WHO GOD IS →

- **Attributes**
- **Identity: Triune; Trinity; Three in One**
 - One God: in essence, in being
 - Unfolds into three interpersonal relationships
 - Same attributes = God = Always God
 - Distinct & Harmonious Roles

Uncreated Fellowship of God (Father, Son, Spirit)

1) Realization: this **redefines** how we think of the **Christian life**.

What is the “Christian” life?

- Beliefs
- Behavior

When we think of the Christian life, we need to think more about **WHO than WHAT**.
→ God at the center.

2) Realization: the crucial role of the **Holy Spirit** in making this life (this blessing) a **reality** to us.

*Why does Paul use “**fellowship** of the Holy Spirit”?*

John 14:16-18

I will ask the Father, and He will give you **another Counselor** to be with you forever. ¹⁷ He is the **Spirit of truth** ... you do know Him, because He remains **with** you and will be **in** you.
¹⁸ “I will not leave you as **orphans**; I am coming to you.

God the Father **plans**

God the Son **accomplishes**

God the Spirit **applies**

Holy Spirit:

- personal with us and interpersonal with Father & Son
- closes the “*space-time*” gap so we can know God

Romans 8:9

You, however, are not in the flesh, but **in the Spirit**, if indeed the **Spirit of God** lives in you. If anyone does **not** have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

3) Realization: what the **availability** of this fellowship to **all** means.

John 16:7

... It is for your **benefit** that I go away, because if I don't go away the Counselor will not come to you. If I go, I will **send Him** to you.

Acts 2:33

... since He has been **exalted** to the right hand of God and has **received** from the Father the **promised** Holy Spirit, He has **poured out** what **you** both see and hear.

Psalms 2:8

Ask of Me, and I will make **the nations** Your inheritance and the ends of the earth your possession.

a) The **coronation** of God the Son

b) A **promise fulfilled** between Father & Son

Holy Spirit in the Old Testament:

- Selectively
- Ethnically
- Geographically

c) A dawning of a new **era** and new **reality** → **all can know Him!**

Amos 3:7

Indeed, the Lord God does nothing without revealing His counsel to His **servants the prophets**.

Acts 2:17-18

‘**In the last days**,’ God says, ‘I will pour out my Spirit upon **all** people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream

dreams. ¹⁸In those days I will pour out my Spirit **even on** my servants—men and women alike—and they will prophesy.

Jeremiah 31:33, 34

... this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days”—the Lord’s declaration. “I will put my teaching **within them** and write it on their **hearts**. I will be their God, and they will be My people. ³⁴No longer will one teach his neighbor or his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they will **all know Me**, from the least to the greatest of them” ...

Acts 2:4-11 (JB Ph.)

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different languages as the Spirit gave them power to proclaim His message.

⁵⁻¹¹ Now there were staying in Jerusalem Jews from every nation of the world. When they heard this sound a crowd quickly collected and were completely bewildered because each one of them heard these men speaking in **his own language** ... Then how does it happen that every single one of us can hear the particular language he has known from a child? ... There are Jews and proselytes, men from Crete and men from Arabia, yet we can all hear these men speaking of the **magnificence of God** in our **native** language.”

I John 2:20

... you have been **anointed** by the Holy One, and **you all have knowledge**.

Do we realize what “age” we are living in?????

4) Realization: We do not so much as make **decisions for Christ; we are **miracles** of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.**

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{one at a time; can be different slides}

- **Ask God to help you realize it’s never up to you nor about you but it does include you!**
- **Ask God to give you a sense of this unfathomable privilege.**
- **Ask God to make His presence the controlling reality of your life.**
- **Ask God to help your unbelief, give you faith and then act the miracle that you are!**