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“If we walk in the Light, as He is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.” 1John 1:7.

The Godhead of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, **has complete unbroken fellowship** with one another. John 17:21, 22.

“God is Light, and in Him is no darkness at all.” 1John 1:5.

Jesus said, “I am the light of the world, he who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.” John 8:12.

If we walk in the Light as God is in the Light, **we will have fellowship with God and with one another.** 1John 1:7.

If our fellowship with God is broken by sin we soon know it, and we do all **we can to regain fellowship with the Lord.** We are quick to confess our sin, repent of our sin, and recommit ourselves to the Lord to love and obey Him.

If our fellowship with another believer is broken by our sin or the other’s sin, we are to **take swift steps to do all we can to restore that fellowship.** This is so that we can **continue to walk in the Light** as God is in the Light. 1John 1:7.

If we are aware **that we have sinned** and caused a break in fellowship with another believer or family member, as soon as possible, we must contact that other believer or family member, confess our sin, and admit that what we did was wrong, and ask for forgiveness.

This requires genuine humility. We have to humble ourselves to the other person.

Start as soon as possible. Make it a habit with your wife and close friends, and with your children.

Isaiah 66:2. (Other translations have “humble” instead of “poor”). Isaiah 57:15, Psalm 138:6, Proverbs 3:34, Matthew 20:28, Luke 14:11, Luke 18:14, James 4:6, 10, 17.

If another believer has sinned against us we must, as the Holy Spirit guides us, follow the directions of the Word and seek to fully restore relationship. Mark 11:25, 26, Matthew 6:14, 15, Matthew 18:15-20, Luke 17:3-5.

The basic step is to forgive the person as Jesus commanded in Mark 11:25, 26.

To forgive another person for their sin, is not whitewashing them and pretending that they did no wrong, but is releasing them from our condemning judgment and handing the problem over to God to sort out.

In Luke 6: 27-38, Jesus goes further and commands us to **bleed our enemies and pray for them.**

When praying for those who sin against me, I usually pray Acts 26:18 for them.

In Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus commands us **to go and see the Christian brother** who has sinned against us, and try in all humility, truth, and honesty, to sort out a genuine answer of peace.

It is easy for misunderstandings to arise and hopefully these can be sorted out.

But there is more. In Luke 17:3, 4, where it is a believer who has sinned against us, Jesus commands us **to rebuke the other believer for his sinful action. Not in a rude unpleasant way, but with a genuine entreaty for the restoration of peace and fellowship.**

The Church is the Body of Jesus Christ, and it is very important that we do all we can to prevent division in the Church.

We are commanded to **“Make haste to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace”** in the Body of Christ, the Church. Ephesians 4:3, Ephesians 4:4-6.

We have been given the unity of the Spirit and we are to keep it. Ephesians 4:3, Ephesians 4:4-6.

As believers in Jesus Christ our Lord, **He has made us members of His Body**, the local Church to which we belong. 1Corinthians 12:13.

Each one of us has been set in the Body of the local Church where we fellowship, by the Lord, to fulfil a particular function of serving and spiritual ministry. 1Peter 4:10, 1Corinthians 12:12-27, 1Corinthians 12:28.