

LESSON THIRTY-ONE: LIVING IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF LIFE

Once we believe into the Lord, we have a union with Him in life. This life then brings us the fellowship of life in which we should live, fellowshipping with God and sharing in all His riches. We ought to know this, pay attention to this, and practice this immediately after we are saved.

I. THE FELLOWSHIP OF LIFE

1) “We...report to you the eternal life...that you also may have fellowship with us, and indeed the fellowship which is ours is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.” (1 John 1:2-3).

Once we believe in the Lord and receive the eternal life, which was reported to us, it brings its fellowship of life, its flow of life, to us, that there may be a fellowship, a flow, between us and God. This fellowship carries God Himself and all His riches into us for our sharing and partaking.

II. THE TWO ASPECTS OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF LIFE

1) Having fellowship with the apostles and with the church, which they represent—“...we...report to you the eternal life...that you also may have fellowship with us [the apostles]” (1 John 1:2-3).

The fellowship which we have through the entering into us of God’s eternal life is of two aspects. On the one hand, we have fellowship with the apostles and with the church, which the apostles represent (1 Cor. 12:28); that is, we have fellowship with all those who possess the life of God. On the other hand, we have fellowship with God and the Lord. The aspect of our fellowship with all those who have God’s life is called the fellowship of the apostles (Acts 2:41-42). All those who have believed into the Lord to have the life of God participate in this fellowship. The Lord’s life is reported by the apostles to those who believe into the Lord that they may become the church, the Lord’s Body, and the apostles are the representatives of the church, which is brought into being through the Lord’s life. Hence, the fellowship of life in the church is called the fellowship of the apostles. When we have fellowship with the apostles, we have fellowship with the church.

2) Having fellowship with God and with the Lord Jesus—“That you also may have fellowship with us, and indeed the fellowship which is ours is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ” (1 John 1:3).

The other aspect of our fellowship in the Lord’s life is our fellowship with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

第三十一课：活在生命的交通里

我们一信入主，就和主有了生命的联结，这生命也就带给我们这生命的交通，我们就要活在这生命的交通里，与神交通，分享他一切的丰富。这也是我们一得救，立刻就应当知道、注意并实行的。

壹 生命的交通

(一)“我们...将...那永远的生命传与你们; ...使你们也可以与我们有交通; 而且我们的交通，又是与父并与他儿子耶稣基督所有的。”(约壹一 2~3)

那永远的生命传与我们，我们一信主接受，就带给我们它生命的交通，就是它生命的交流，叫我们与神之间有交通，有交流，将神自己和他一切的丰富，流通到我们里面，给我们分享、有分。

贰 生命交通的两方面

(一) 与使徒们并他们所代表的召会有交通—“将...那永远的生命传与你们; ...使你们也可以与我们(使徒们)有交通。”(约壹一 2~3)

神永远的生命进到我们里面，叫我们所有的交通有两方面。一方面是与使徒和他们所代表的召会(林前十二 28)，就是一切有神生命的人有交通；一方面是与神和主有交通。与一切有神生命之人交通的一面，称为使徒的交通(徒二 41~42)，是一切信入主，有神生命的人都有分的。主的生命是借着使徒们传给信入主的人，使他们成功召会，就是主的身体，而使徒们又是主的生命所成功之召会的代表，所以召会中的生命交通，就称为使徒的交通。我们得与使徒们有交通，也就是得与召会有交通。

(二) 与神并与主耶稣有交通—“使你们也可以与我们有交通; 而且我们的交通，又是与父并与他儿子耶稣基督所有的。”(约壹一 3)

我们在主的生命里，所有交通的另一面，是与父并他儿子主耶稣有交通。这生命的

The life to which this fellowship of life belongs is the life of God. This life is also the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Himself. Thus, this fellowship of life enables us to have fellowship not only with those who jointly possess God's life but also with God and the Lord Jesus. In this fellowship of life, there is a mutual fellowship and flowing between us and God and the Lord Jesus, and between us and all the believers. All these parties jointly participate in the Triune God and in the church, which is His organism, thus mutually sharing in one another.

III. THE MEANS OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF LIFE—THE HOLY SPIRIT

1) “The fellowship of the Holy Spirit” (2 Cor. 13:14). Since the Lord's life is in the Holy Spirit and has entered into us through the Holy Spirit to be in us, our fellowship in the Lord's life is by means of the Holy Spirit. Hence, this fellowship is also called the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. In the Lord's life, both our fellowship with God and the Lord and our fellowship with the church or the saints are in and by means of the Holy Spirit.

IV. ANOTHER DESIGNATION OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF LIFE—ABIDING IN THE LORD

1) “And even as it [the anointing] has taught you, abide in Him [the Lord]” (1 John 2:27); “Abide in Me [the Lord]...for apart from Me you can do nothing” (John 15:4-5).

As branches of the Lord, the vine, we must abide in the Lord and not be separated from Him. To thus abide in the Lord is to have fellowship with the Lord in order to practice the fellowship of the Lord's life, absorbing all the riches of the Lord as the branches absorb the supply from the vine.

V. THE RESPONSIBILITY OF A BELIEVER TOWARD THE FELLOWSHIP OF LIFE

1) To continue steadfastly—“Continuing steadfastly in...the fellowship” (Acts 2:42).

Once we receive the Lord's life, we enter into the fellowship of His life. From then on, we should continue steadfastly in this fellowship of life.

2) To obey the teaching of the anointing—“And even as it [the anointing] has taught you, abide in Him [the Lord]” (1 John 2:27).

For us to continue steadfastly in the fellowship of life, we must abide in the Lord as taught by the anointing, and we must obey the teaching of the anointing.

3) To walk in the light—“But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another” (1 John 1:7).

The fellowship of the Lord's life brings us into God's light.

交通所属于的生命，是神的生命，这生命又是神儿子主耶稣自己，所以这生命的交通就使我们不但与和我们共有神生命的人有交通，也使我们和神并主耶稣有交通。在这生命的交通里，我们和神并主耶稣，以及所有的信徒，都互相交通、交流，共同有分于三一神，和作他生机体的召会，而互相分享。

叁 生命交通的凭借—圣灵

(一) “圣灵的交通”。(林后十三 14) 主的生命是在圣灵里的，并且是借着圣灵进到我们里面，而在我们里面的。所以我们在主生命里的交通，是凭借圣灵的。因此这交通也称为圣灵的交通。我们在主的生命里，无论与神和主的交通，或是与召会，或圣徒的交通，都是在圣灵里，借着圣灵的。

肆 生命交通的另一说法—住在主里面

(一) “你们要按这膏油涂抹所教导你们的，住在他（主）里面。”—“你们要住在我（主）里面，...离了我，你们就不能作什么。”(约壹二 27， 约十五 4~5)

我们作主树上的枝子，要住在主里面，不可与主分离。这样住在主里面，就是与主交通，而实行主生命的交通，吸取主一切的丰富，如枝子吸取树的供应一样。

伍 信徒对生命交通的责任

(一) 要坚定持续—“都坚定持续在...交通里”。(徒二 42)

我们一得着主的生命，就进到主生命的交通里。从此，就该坚定持续在这生命的交通里。

(二) 要顺服膏油涂抹的教导—“你们要按这膏油涂抹所教导你们的，住在他（主）里面。”(约壹二 27)

我们要坚定持续在生命的交通里，就必须按着膏油涂抹的教导，住在主里面，就必须顺服膏油涂抹的教导。

(三) 要行在光中—“我们若在光中行，如同神在光中，就彼此有交通。”(约壹一 7)

主生命的交通，能带我们进入神的光中。

We must walk in this light that we may have fellowship with God and the Lord and with all the saints, and that we may maintain the fellowship of the Lord's life.

4) To confess our sins—“But if we walk in the light...we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His [God's] Son cleanses us from all sin...if we confess our sins, He [God] is faithful and righteous that He may forgive us...and cleanse us” (1 John 1:7-9).

If we live in the fellowship of the Lord's life, the Lord's light of life within will show us our sins in the fellowship of His life. We will sense our sins and confess to God, and He will then forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness that we may more deeply live in the fellowship of His life.

The preceding four items are our responsibility toward the fellowship of life.

VI. THE ISSUE OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF LIFE

1) Receiving God's light—“God is light...if we say that we have fellowship with Him...if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another” (1 John 1:5-7).

This word shows us that when we have fellowship with God, who is light, we will surely receive God's light and walk in it that we may have uninterrupted fellowship with one another.

2) Being cleansed by the Lord's blood—“But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:7).

When we are enlightened by the Lord's light of life in the fellowship of life, and thus realize our sins and confess them to God, we are cleansed by the Lord's blood.

3) Having the Lord abide in us—“He who abides in Me and I in him...” (John 15:5).

When we abide in the Lord to have fellowship with Him, we have the Lord abiding in us as our enjoyment of life.

4) Bearing much fruit to glorify God—“He who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit” (John 15:5); “In this is My Father glorified” (John 15:8).

When we abide in the Lord as branches in the Lord, the vine, and have an uninterrupted flow with Him, we receive the supply of the rich sap from Him as the vine to bear much fruit that the Father may be glorified.

The above four items are issues of our living in the fellowship of the Lord's life.

VII. THE BREAKING OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF LIFE

1) The relationship of life between the believers and

我们必须在这光中行，才能与神和主，并与众圣徒有交通，才能维持生命的交通。

(四) 要认罪—“我们若在光中...彼此有交通，他（神）儿子耶稣的血也洗净我们一切的罪。... 我们若认自己的罪，神... 必要赦免... 洗净...”(约壹一 7~9)

我们若活在生命的交通里，主这生命的光，在他生命的交通里，要在我们里面给我们看见自己的罪，我们就感觉自己的罪，而向神承认，神就要赦免我们的罪，洗净我们一切的不义，使我们更深的活在生命的交通里。

以上四项都是我们对生命的交通，当负的责任。

陆 生命交通的成果

(一) 得着神的光—“神就是光，... 我们若说我们与神有交通，... 我们若在光中行，如同神在光中，就彼此有交通。”(约壹一 5~7)

这话给我们看见，我们与是光的神有交通，就必须得着神的光，而行在其中，使我们能不断的彼此有交通。

(二) 得着主血的洗净—“我们若在光中行，如同神在光中，就彼此有交通，他儿子耶稣的血也洗净我们一切的罪。”(约壹一 7)

我们在这生命的交通里，蒙了主生命之光的照亮，看见自己的罪，而向神承认，就得着主血的洗净。

(三) 得着主住在里面—“住在我里面的，我也住在他里面。”(约十五 5)

我们住在主里面，与主交通，就得着主住在我们里面，作我们生命的享受。

(四) 多结果子荣耀神—“住在我里面的，我也住在他里面，这人就多结果子。”—“我父就因此得荣耀”。(约十五 5、8)

我们作主树上的枝子，住在他里面，和他不断有交流，得着他这树肥汁的供应，就多结果子，叫神得荣耀。

以上四项，都是我们活在生命的交通里的成果。

柒 生命交通的中断

(一) 信徒和神生命的关系永不会断—“他

God being eternally unbreakable—“They shall by no means perish forever, and no one shall snatch them out of My Father’s hand” (John 10:28-29). The relationship of life between the believers and God will never be broken, because they have received the eternal life from God, which causes them never to perish. Moreover, since God’s hand is mighty, nothing can snatch them out of His hand.

2) The fellowship of life between the believers and God being breakable—“But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another” (1 John 1:7). The word “if” in this verse indicates that the fellowship of life between us and God is breakable. If we walk in God’s light, we will live in the fellowship of God’s life. However, since we often fail to live in God’s light, often disobeying and sinning, we often lose the fellowship of God’s life, thus causing it to be broken.

VIII. THE RESTORATION OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF LIFE

1) By the confession of sins—“If we confess our sins, He [God] is faithful and righteous that He may forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). Thank God that although our fellowship of life with Him can be broken, it can also be restored. If we are willing to confess our sins to God according to His shining, He will forgive us and cleanse us from our sins. This is according to His faithfulness based on His word and according to His righteousness because of the Lord’s blood in order that our fellowship of life with Him may be restored.

IX. THE FELLOWSHIP OF LIFE NEEDING TO BE MAINTAINED BY THE SENSE OF LIFE

1) The Lord’s life in us not only has its fellowship but also has its sense. This sense of life is for the fellowship of life. The fellowship of life is maintained in the sense of life. Whenever we neglect the sense of life, the fellowship of life is broken and lost, and the sense of life thus becomes dull.

2) If we will once again care for and obey this dull sense of life, the fellowship of life will be restored, even deepened, and the sense of life will also be keener. These two—the sense of life and the fellowship of life—reciprocally affect each other in a continuous cycle, causing the believers to grow in life.

X. THE DANGER TO A BELIEVER NOT LIVING IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF LIFE

1) Losing the supply and function of life and suffering loss—“Every branch in Me [the Lord] that does not bear fruit, He [God] takes it away” (John 15:2); “If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a

们必永不灭亡，...谁也不能从我父手里把他们夺去。”(约十 28~29)信徒和神生命的关系，永远不会断，因为他们从神所得着的，是永远的生命，使他们永不灭亡。并且神的手是大能的，没有什么能从神的手里，把他们夺去。

(二)信徒和神生命的交通是会断的一“我们若在光中行，如同神在光中，就彼此有交通。”(约壹一 7)这经文中的“若”字，表明我们和神生命的交通，是会断的。我们若活在神的光中，就活在神生命的交通里。但我们常不活在神的光中，常不顺服而犯罪，所以就常失去神生命的交通，而使其中断。

捌 生命交通的恢复

(一) 借着认罪—“我们若认自己的罪，神是信实的，是公义的，必要赦免我们的罪，洗净我们一切的不义。”(约壹一 9、7)感谢神，我们和他生命的交通会中断，也能恢复。我们若肯照着神的光照向神认罪，神必按着他的信实，照着他的话，并按着他的公义，因着主的血，赦免并洗净我们的罪，使我们和他生命的交通，得以恢复。

玖 生命交通需要生命感觉的维持

(一) 在我们里面主的生命，不只有交通，也有感觉。这生命的感觉，是为着生命交通的。生命的交通，是维持在生命的感觉里。我们一不顾到生命的感觉，生命的交通就会中断而失去，生命的感觉也就变为迟钝。

(二) 我们若肯再顾到而顺服这迟钝的生命感觉，生命的交通就得以恢复，更加深厚，生命的感觉也就越加敏锐。此二者互为因果，循环不已，使信徒在生命里长大。

拾 信徒不活在生命交通里的危险

(一) 会失去生命的供应和功用，而受亏损—“凡在我（主）里面不结果子的枝子，他（神）就剪去。”—“人若不住在我里面，就象枝子丢在外面枯干了，人收集起来，

branch and is dried up; and they gather them and cast them into the fire, and they are burned” (John 15:6). If a saved person, who is a branch of the Lord, the vine, does not bear fruit, he will be taken away. The reason for his fruitlessness is that he does not abide in the Lord, in the fellowship of His life. Hence, he is taken away, cast out, dried up, gathered, and cast into the fire to be burned. If we do not abide in the Lord and live in the fellowship of life, we will run a great risk of being cut off from the Lord and of losing our supply and function, thus suffering loss. However, this is not to perish but to suffer loss, to be punished (1 Cor. 3:15), because here the Lord is not speaking about the conditions of salvation but about the conditions of fruitbearing.

2) Being fearful and put to shame—“Abide in Him [the Lord], that if He is manifested, we may have boldness and not be put to shame from Him at His coming” (1 John 2:28).

If we abide in the Lord and have fellowship with Him, we spontaneously walk before the Lord and live in His will. This will cause us to have boldness and not be put to shame at the Lord’s coming. Otherwise, when we see Him, we will be in fear and will be put to shame, being separated from His presence. Such danger should warn us to live in the fellowship of the Lord’s life.

扔在火里烧了。”(约十五 2、6)一个得救作主树上枝子的人，若不结果子，就要被剪去。不结果子的原因，是因不住在主里面，就是不活在主生命的交通里，所以就被剪去，丢在外面枯干了，人拾起来扔在火里烧了。我们不住在主里面，不活在主生命的交通里，是冒极大的危险，就是从主身上被砍去，失掉供应和功用，而受到亏损。但这不是灭亡，乃是受亏损，受惩治（参看林前三 15），因为主在这里不是说到得救的条件，乃是说到结果子的条件。

(二) 会恐惧蒙羞—“你们要住在主里面；这样，他若显现，我们就可以坦然无惧，当他来临时，也不至于蒙羞离开他。”

(约壹二 28)

我们现在若住在主里面，与主交通，当然就行在主的面前，活在主的心意里，会使我们在主来的时候坦然无惧，不至于蒙羞。否则，就会使我们见主的时候，恐惧蒙羞，离开他的面。这也该叫我们受警惕，而活在主生命的交通里。