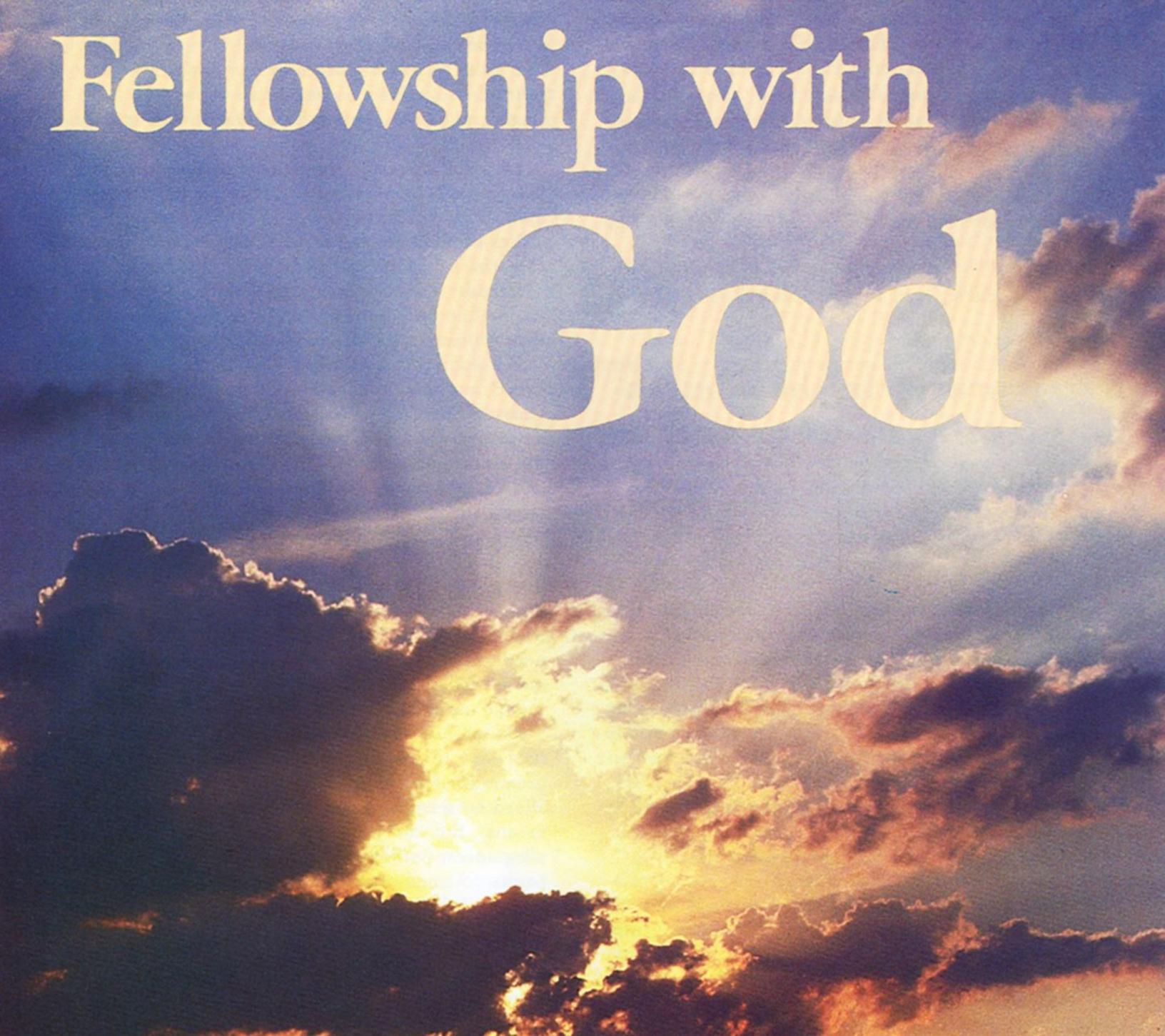


# Fellowship with God

A photograph of a sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with large, billowing clouds. The light from the sun, which is partially visible at the horizon, casts a warm, golden glow through the clouds, creating a dramatic contrast between the bright light and the dark silhouettes of the clouds. The overall mood is serene and spiritual.



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## A New Kind of Love

I want to teach in the field of love for a moment, because so little is understood and known about this great field which came specifically into concretion and reality with the new birth on the day of Pentecost. This new birth on the day of Pentecost brought a new kind of love, which had been made available to us, however, by Jesus Christ. As we understand this new kind of love, we come to the great realization that there really never was any love before the day of Pentecost, that the love that came with the day of Pentecost is a spiritual thing on the inside, and it only comes into concretion, in manifestation, as we put it on in our mind and manifest it forth.

There are three words, three Greek words, translated “love.” It’s the word *agapaō*, the word *phileō*, and the word *erōs*. *Erōs* is nothing more than just the kind of love that one animal would have for another, basically speaking. The word *phileō* love is the kind of love where one person loves another because one person scratches your back you’re gonna scratch the other fellow’s back, so forth. It’s the word from which we got the English word, for instance, Philadelphia, brotherly love.

The other is the word *agapaō*. *Agapaō* is translated in the King James “charity” as well as “love.” The word “charity” and “love” translation are way too weak for this word *agapaō*. The word *agapaō* literally means that it becomes yours when you’re born again of God’s spirit, when that eternal life which is Christ in you comes in at the time of the new birth. He brings with him many things, this new birth has many things, among which it has *agapaō*, which is love of God. Then we have the love of God spiritually, but how do I get it into manifestation, into concretion? This I do by putting this love of God which I have received spiritually into my mind, and manifest it forth by my walk. This is why every place where the word *agapaō*, or “charity,” is used, it should be translated “the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation.”

Now with those basic truths set before you, again let me say that this new kind of love, the *agapaō* love, was brought to the world by Jesus Christ. The thing that people have called “love” has been basically nothing more than sexual attraction, or brotherly love where you scratch my back, I scratch your back. If you do not do right to me, I’m not going to do right to you. But we’ll get along good together in a brotherly fashion because it’ll be profitable for me, it’ll be profitable for you, therefore we just have this kind of love.

Both of these, the *phileō* love and the sexual love of the *erōs*, are relatively insignificant and never build a certainty within life or within the depth of the soul of a man which is lasting.

This thing which we have called love has been basically nothing but sex attraction. You see, this sex attraction which we refer to as love is hardly any higher than that seen in the animal world which is nothing but *erōs*. But Jesus Christ brought a new thing. This word translated “charity” or “love” in our Bible should always be translated “the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation.” When we are born again we are born in love. God is love, and so the new birth is the impartation of the nature of the Father which is love. Then by birth spiritually we become children of love. This family to which you and I belong then is a love family because we are born into this family.

Paul speaking in Romans, chapter five, and I’ll just read this to you, Romans chapter 5, listen to this from the New Testament, Romans 5:5, and I just flip to it, “... And hope maketh not ashamed; because,” listen, “the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the holy ghost which is given unto us.” The love of God, the *agapaō*, is shed abroad in our hearts, within the spiritual

part of man, by God who gave this unto us. So you see, the love of God has flooded us within, it's our spirit, it's on the inside. You don't feel, smell, taste, or touch spirit, but the Word says it's in there because when Christ came he brought it with him. This love nature which we now have spiritually is the great law of the new creation in Christ Jesus.

Remember in John 13, in verses 34 and 35, Jesus had declared, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love (*agapaō*) one another; even as I have loved (*agapaō*) you, that ye also love (*agapaō*) one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye love (*agapaō*) one another." This love was to be the stamp, the brand if you please, that would differentiate the believer from the people of the world. The Apostle Paul declared, ". . . I bear, or I have branded on my body, the marks of the Lord Jesus." He meant that he had the scars and wounds that had been given to him due to persecutions, but the believer, the born-again believer, bears the marks, the brands, of the love of Christ upon his spirit.

In Romans, chapter 12, verses 5 to 6, it says that every man when he comes into the family of God has *the* measure of faith given to him. This measure of faith is spiritual faith. Now in order to manifest this in the believing world, in the senses realm in the believing world, he must renew his mind. He has it spiritually but it comes into concretion into manifestation, when he believes with his mind what he has spiritually. He has to cultivate faith, spiritual faith, to make it manifest into the senses realm and develop it. Likewise, the same thing is true regarding this new kind of love which is given unto us when we are born into the family of God. That measure of love is given unto you and it comes with the new birth. This is the love nature. This love nature spiritually must be developed as you develop your faith life and manifest it forth by believing into the senses world. As you give love freedom to grow and act, it naturally will gain in ascendancy in your whole life, in your whole being.

This love of God which is in the renewed mind in manifestation must be fed by the Word of God and then it will express itself in action as we operate it. Remember according to Matthew 4:4 Jesus declared, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." You see, the real man of whom I am speaking is your spirit. If you're born again of God's spirit that is the real man. Your spiritual hunger and your spirit needs are just as great as your mental or your physical needs. Your spirit must have the privilege of meditating in the Word. You must learn to feed upon this Word of God as Jeremiah did when he said he ate it, he ate the Word (Jeremiah 15:16).

You feed and exercise this new love that has come into you by practicing love. The exercise makes it strong, just as exercise makes your body strong. Colossians 3:16 says, "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly. . ." gaining the ascendancy over all of your faculties. This *agapaō* love, this love life, makes you gentle, makes you Jesus Christ-like, it makes you strong and vigorous like the Master. It makes you absolutely fearless in your walk with the Lord. You know, some people have imprisoned love, and I recently heard of a father that locked up his boy in a room and kept him a prisoner until that child was nearly dead. How many have done that same thing to love? Instead of letting love have its perfect sway and control we have limited it.

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