THE GENUINE'S LIFE EVIDENCES OUR LORD JESUS

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Righteous Fellowship Is *'All For One And One For All'*

A Holy Spirit-guided/empowered way of life is promised in the New Covenant.

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Dear Friends in Christ Jesus our Lord,

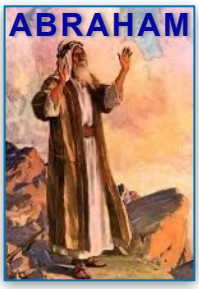


A major character quality of the *genuinely* born again's home fellowship family is ***all for one and one for all.*** This was a significant identifier of our Lord's earliest followers. Peter's sermon at Pentecost led to 3,000 conversions and reveals their understanding of ***all for one and one for all***. They were "*of one heart and soul"* (Acts 4:32)—that's spiritual intimacy! And in their fellowship together: ✦*All the believers together had everything in common* ✦*They sold their possessions and belongings and distributed the proceeds to all, as any had need.* ✦*Breaking bread from house to house they shared food with gladness and sincere hearts* ✦*And daily the Lord kept adding to them those who were being saved* (Acts 2:44,46,47).



All for one and one for all originates in the divine cooperation of our heavenly Father and our Lord Jesus: *"I and the Father are one"* (John 10:30; see also John 14:20; 17:11,22,23). By grace They give the Holy Spirit to the *genuine* so that *all for one and one for all* is a living and loving reality in the home fellowship family of the *genuine*.

Flowing out from the unity of the Father and the Son, the Holy Spirit develops *all for one and one for all* among the *genuine* who persistently keep a **clear conscience** with our Father. When you became *genuinely* born again, you pledged a clear conscience through your baptism (see 1Peter 3:21). This act of obedient trust means that <u>you will not tolerate unconfessed sin in your life</u>. You'll stay repentant. Through your home fellowship family helping each other remain free of unconfessed sin, the Holy Spirit deepens the relationship of *all for one and one for all*.



<u>Here is a historical fact for you to consider</u>:
The selfless identity of having *"all things in common"* and renewing their Covenant with their Father by breaking bread in their homes as Jesus had told them can be traced to the biblical **Hebraic Stream** of Judaism. <u>The Hebraic Stream personally related to God as their forefather Abraham had</u>. The patriarch's trusting obedience to go anywhere, do anything, and believe the impossible prompted God to establish an eternal covenant with him (Hebrews 11:8-12). Abraham is not only God's role model for the Hebraic Stream but also for all the *genuine* (Romans 4:16).

A noted Jewish author records that 200 years before the coming of Lord Jesus, the Holy Spirit revealed to the Hebraic Stream that <u>they must be born again</u>. Becoming born again answered the inner appeal of God to the spirit of His people to live in covenant union with Him. Being born again was a life-altering conversion from life by the letter of the Law and religious traditions to embracing a love-grounded, obedience-based relationship with God.



Opposing the **Hebraic Stream** was the **Judaizing Stream** who were rule keepers similar to the Pharisees. They demanded an allegiance to the "letter of the Law" that was <u>void of any relationship with God</u>. Paul warned the Galatians about the Judaizers who were claiming that circumcision was necessary for salvation. Today, Christianity's "Judaizers" demand allegiance to their particular creedal stance or religious rituals and traditions more than an intimate relationship with our Father and Lord Jesus through the indwelling Holy Spirit.

'All For One And One For All' Fellowship In Homes
Based on *Communal Righteousness* and *24/7 Load-bearing*

The biblical Hebraic Stream exemplified upholding communal righteousness. The Older Testament clearly revealed that God could not be approached in just any sinful haphazard manner without severe consequences (Jeremiah 7:21-29; 13:14). The Hebrew text records that God held the Israelites communally liable for one person's sin, as with •Korah's rebellion (Numbers 16:3-35), •King David numbering his troops (1Chronicles 21), and •Achan taking the devoted items at Jericho (Joshua 7). Since the biblical Hebraic Stream recognized this aspect of their history, communal righteousness became a core attribute of Hebraic home fellowships.

Well-versed in the Older Testament, believers from the Hebraic Stream understood God's conditions for answering their prayers. Peter reaffirmed this by apperceiving Proverbs 15:29, *"The Lord is far from the wicked but He hears the prayer of the righteous"* (1Peter 3:12). In light of how God dealt with sin in their communal past, our Lord's earliest followers clearly recognized that when one person in the fellowship refused to repent, He held others liable also. Their role as extended spiritual family was to confront the unrepentant so they would repent. That's why they understood that unconfessed sin in a home fellowship family stopped Father from answering the prayers of each member of the fellowship until repentance took place. Knowing that their lives mutually affected the lives of others in the fellowship family was a significant incentive for each person to live repentantly. When righteousness prevailed, their prayers were answered powerfully. And "God-size" answers are still available to the ***communally righteous*** today.

Take note that the Hebraic Stream of Judaism strongly influenced the faith practices of the earliest Christians. Before the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus, the Hebraic Stream had already been meeting in homes to 👉🏻**uphold communal righteousness** and provide 👉🏻**24/7 load-bearing support**. After the conversions at Pentecost, the Newer Testament reveals that the earliest followers of our Lord Jesus followed the Hebraic Stream's example of meeting together in homes to uphold communal righteousness and 24/7 load-bearing:

"Greet also the church that meets in their house" (Romans 16:5).

"The churches in the province of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Priscilla greet you warmly in the Lord, and so does the church that meets at their house" (1Corinthians 16:19).

"To Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier and to the church that meets in your home" (Philemon 2).

"Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea, and to Nympha and the church in her house" (Colossians 4:15).

Communal righteousness wasn't an end in itself, but the means to our heavenly Father answering their prayers. And, in terms of **load-bearing,** the home fellowship was ***extended spiritual family*** providing for individuals and families the vital function the clan provides in tribal societies.
(For further insight into the "tribal" nature of early Christianity see: Part 3, *Spiritual Tribalism Is The Relational Connectedness of the Early Church* in ***Hebraic Home Fellowships Must Produce Godly Generations***).

God-size answers to their prayers resulted in Father being glorified. This was and is the ultimate goal of communal righteousness. James offers a comprehensive understanding of the fruit of prayer by the righteous:

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops" (James 5:16-18; see also Acts 4:31; 12:5-12).

"Breaking bread in their homes, they ate together with glad and sincere hearts"

Breaking bread in communion (common union) is precious renewing of the New Covenant with our Father, remembering that which Jesus has accomplished on our behalf until He comes back for us.



The Lord's Supper is based on the Jewish Passover observance, which required all leaven to be removed from the land. Removing leaven signified a state of holiness (righteousness). Jesus and His disciples could not keep the Passover unless all leaven, or spiritual impurity, had first been swept away. Paul elaborates on this same state of righteousness that's required of those partaking of communion (see 1Corinthians 11:23-31). Communion in early Christianity was a serious communal activity, as evidenced by the Hebraic Stream's influence regarding the holiness of the Passover. And the seriousness of self-examination beforehand was reinforced by Jesus' words, ***"This is My body." "This is the new covenant in My blood."***

For the *genuine* communal righteousness is entwined with load-bearing

Cain asked God, *"Am I my brother's keeper?"* (Genesis 4:9). If you're in union with our Lord through His indwelling Spirit, then He would have you know, ***"Yes, you are your brother's and sister's keeper!"*** The home fellowship family provides the medium for accountability out of love so that our Lord's instruction for dealing with an unrepentant person can be carried out:

"If your brother sins against you [violates your communal righteousness], *•go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. •But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every rhema/word may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses'* [Deuteronomy 19:15] *•If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the* [called-out ones]*; and •if he refuses to listen even to the [called-out ones], treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector"* (Matthew 18:15-17).

To sum up: The early followers of our Lord Jesus approached our heavenly Father to worship Him and to have their prayers answered. Think about it. It wasn't just an act of praying, but answered prayer of the communally righteous that got the earliest Christians noticed. The book of Acts begins with a small band of disciples: *"These all were continuing steadfastly with one mind in prayer…"* (Acts 1:14). When these followers of Christ prayed, something happened! Miraculous answers abounded as they trusted wholeheartedly in the One to Whom they prayed in the Name of Jesus their Lord.

📌It is not because of our own righteousness that our prayers are heard by our heavenly Father. It's by grace that righteousness is imputed to us as we humbly trust in the shed blood of our Lord Jesus to cover our sins and we receive forgiveness. *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"* (1John 1:9).

In light of what we've written, here's our pledge to others with whom we are about to enter into fellowship as extended spiritual family. We hope this represents your own heartfelt devotion as well: *"We will do nothing to hinder your prayers from being answered by our heavenly Father. We can't promise you we won't sin, but we will be quick to repent and to walk in righteousness so our Father will hear and answer our prayers and yours."* This type of mutual commitment to live repentantly is vital to our Father being glorified through answered prayers. We enjoy testifying to others about Father answering our prayers. So we restrict the 'right hand of fellowship' to those who pledge to not hinder our mutual prayers from being answered by their unrepentance.

A sad experience from our past concerning unconfessed sin:

During the 10+ years we ran a retreat center, we'd occasionally challenge a group, "Ask the Holy Spirit how many hours a week you're free from unconfessed sin." On average the Spirit revealed they were free of sin 4 hours out of a 168-hour week. That's about 2% of the week. What does this say about Christians keeping a clear conscience? The shed blood of our Lord Jesus was irrelevant to them in their failure to confess their sins and turn from them (see 1John 1:5-10). And by clinging to unconfessed sin, they had no testimonies to Father's faithfulness.

•Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal how many hours in the week you are walking righteously.
•How does your answer make you feel?
•What does your answer tell you about your walk with our Lord Jesus?

The unconfessed **sin of omission** is one that few recognize in themselves. The most common omission is refusing to •live with Jesus as Lord and •fulfilling Father's purposes to His glory. In our 4/28/2026 Nugget, ***Father Is Steadfast In Chastising Unconfessed Sin***, you'll find a list of actions that should be an integral part of your fellowship family. Find the list on page 3: "Suggestions For Mutually Helping Each Other Avoid Tolerated Sin."

Closely related to the sin of omission is **bitterness**. Bitter people fail to realize, and some don't even care, that Father can't use them to be His blessing to others because the bitter and unforgiving are unforgiven by Him (Mark 11:26). They defile others in a home fellowship (Hebrews 12:15) by hindering their prayers from being answered. And, being 'all for one and one for all' in a fellowship family is impossible for people who hold onto bitterness.

"Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you." (James 4:7)

It's vital for you to know that for our Lord's earliest followers, prayer included understanding **spiritual warfare**. For example, in the Hebrew Bible, Daniel demonstrated that ***persevering prayer*** was key to God's response. Demonic forces had opposed the ministering angels who were bringing God's answer (see Daniel 10). Righteous Daniel prayed for twenty-one days before the heavenly messenger, with the help of the archangel Michael, broke through with God's response. Lord Jesus clearly recognized the reality of the demonic opposition that Daniel faced when He shared the parable about ***persevering prayer*** in Luke 18:1-7. Your adversary is real!

A home fellowship family that doesn't experience frequent Father-sized answers to their prayers isn't taking spiritual warfare seriously enough.

We encourage you: •overcome the devil by resisting him, •persist in prayer, and •see Father respond! Satan is well aware that ***communal righteousness*** combined with ***persevering prayer*** until the answer is received are powerful weapons of the righteous. If keeping people unrepentant doesn't work, then he'll try to deter the *genuine* from praying by instilling doubt and unbelief that God will ever answer. This is why the intimate righteousness of a home fellowship is necessary so that each person will persist in prayer: *"Exhort each daily, while it is called 'Today,' lest any of you be hardened by the deceit of sin"* (Hebrews 3:13). Sin's major deception is a person failing to recognize that they're beset by doubt and unbelief. You need daily mutual encouragement by others in your home fellowship.

Maybe you desire to fellowship for reasons other than why our Lord's first followers met in homes. ***But*** if you want to have testimonies to our Father's glory and faithfulness, then purpose to limit your fellowship to the same Hebraic foundations that our Lord Jesus' first followers embraced: ***24/7 load-bearing support*** and ***upholding communal righteousness***.