

THE THREE FUNDAMENTAL TENETS OF FELLOWSHIP (Part 1)  
Ephesians 4: 5

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Introduction: TO PROPERLY UNDERSTAND THE MESSAGE, WE MUST FIRST DEFINE WHAT FELLOWSHIP MEANS:

1. The dictionary defines fellowship to be companionship or mutual intercourse (Pagsasamahan sa isa't isa).
2. The Greek term is "koinonia" which means partnership.
3. One preacher said, Fellowship mean it is two (2) fellows in the ship.

When we use fellowship in the Church, we refer to our communication or partnership with a kind of Church & of people. When can a Christian particularly a member of this Church fellowship?

1. When there is agreement in doctrine and these 3 fundamental principles (Amos 3: 3).
2. There cannot be fellowship with the unbelievers, idolaters, and worldliness.
  - II Corinthians 6: 14-18
  - I John 2: 15-16
  - James 4: 4
3. Fellowship is based upon our walking in the light ( I John 1: 7).

Let us go now to the three Fundamental Principles of Fellowship.

Ephesians 4: 4-6, actually mentions seven distinct unities yet the most prominent of these are unities in verse 5. There has always been disagreement between liberals, modernists, conservatives, and fundamentalists.

I got this number 3 on the basis of Scripture numerals. Number 3 is always the number of tri unity or divinity.

1. You take away God the Son as a Person in the God-Head and Christ ceases to be God and the God-Head ceases to be the triune God.
2. Man is a triunity – body, soul, and Spirit.

THE THREE FUNDAMENTAL TENETS OF FELLOWSHIP (Part 2)  
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Introduction:

Although Dr. Scofield says that there are 7 unities listed in these 3 verses to be kept, yet I would like to cite v. 5 and call these three things as the 3 fundamental tenets of fellowship. This has been the argument between liberals, modernists, and conservatives, and fundamentalists. But I may say that no. 3 is always the number of tri-unity. You take away God the Son as a Person in the Godhead ceases to be the triune God hath and therefore, incomplete. Men were created in the image of God. With regards to the impartation of the Spirit which came from God thus making man a tripartite being. You take away the soul or any of man's being and he stops to live. The commissions was given to the Church and it has 3 aspects.

1. Teach all nations
  2. Baptize them
  3. teach the,
3. The commission in Matthew 28 was given to the Church and it has 3 aspects:

- a. Teach all nations
- b. Baptizing them
- c. Teach them to observe all things.

You take away one of these things and you split the great commission.  
Number three is also prominent in nature:

1. There are 3 primary colors of 'solar light' – blue, yellow, red.
2. There are 3 manifestations of the sun – light, heat and chemicals rays.
3. In nature there are three kingdoms – animal, vegetable, minerals.
4. Matters exist in 3 forms – gaseous, liquid, and solid. Only just recently a fourth one was introduced and called plasma.
5. Water compound of hydrogen and oxygen is manifested in three forms: water as liquid, like rain; ice as solid water; and water vapor as gaseous water.
6. Even an egg has three things in it, the eggshell, the white and the yolk.

In our text, there are 3 important things and they are related, take out one And it becomes incomplete. Take out one of these things and there is no scriptural fellowship.