

The calling is to be in fellowship with Christ through the Spirit. This language is to be understood not only positionally but also relationally. Believers are not only in Christ and as such freed from their guilt of their sins but are also in fellowship with Christ and as such are privileged to commune with Him through the Spirit.”

-Dr. David E. Garland

1 Corinthians: Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament.

A great obstacle to living in constant fellowship with

JESUS and His Church is we prefer

_____ and _____ over relationship!

A great obstacle to living in constant fellowship with

JESUS and His Church is we prefer

_____ without _____!

“With GOD, let us never hesitate to say this is only the beginning.”

--Andrew Murray

You might say safely, I think, without exaggeration, that nineteen out of every twenty of professed Christians are of no earthly account so far as building up Christ’s kingdom; but on the contrary they are standing right in the way, and the reason is because they have just got life and have settled down and have not sought for power.

--Dwight L. Moody

HOW GOD MOVES IN HIS CHURCH

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

1 Corinthians 1:1–3 (ESV)

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**The Church of GOD is _____ by the _____ of GOD
for the _____ of GOD!**

Romans 8:28 (ESV)

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.”

Matthew 6:9–10 (NIV84)

“This, then, is how you should pray: “ ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

4 WAYS GOD IS MOVING IN RIVERBLUFF CHURCH

1 Corinthians 1:4 (ESV)

“I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus...”



**#1- GOD IS MOVING IN HIS CHURCH, _____
US _____!**

Ephesians 2:4-5 (NASB95)

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ.”

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NASB95)

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

Grace must _____ our ongoing _____ with GOD!

Whether soul-sick by guilt & shame or by pride & self-

sufficiency, GOD’S Grace is the _____!

“This human heart has no desires that God cannot satisfy.” --Hudson Taylor

1 Corinthians 1:4-7 (ESV)

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— ⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

#2-GOD IS MOVING IN HIS CHURCH,

_____ US WITH _____!

Ephesians 4:11-12, 16 (NLT)

Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church...Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do His work and build up the church, the body of Christ...From Him the whole body...grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”

1 Corinthians 1:5

“...that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge...”

1 Corinthians 1:7-8 (ESV)

⁷so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#3-GOD IS MOVING IN HIS CHURCH,

_____ US TO THE END, _____!

Hebrews 13:5 (NIV84)

“God has said, ‘Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.’”

John 10:28 (NIV84)

“I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.”

Hebrews 12:2 (NIV84)

“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

1 Corinthians 1:9 (ESV)

⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#4-GOD IS MOVING IN HIS CHURCH,

_____ US INTO THE _____ OF HIS SON.

Philippians 3:10 (NCB)

“All I want is to come to know Christ and the power of His resurrection”