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How do you start your day? Do you prefer coffee or tea? I like tea, but I LOVE coffee – the aroma, the taste, the stimulation, the comfort! In the morning, coffee says to me, “It’s going to be a good day!!” And, many times, sharing a cup of coffee is a great way to be with family and friends. I’m not sure I could live without it!!

In verse 9, we read: **“God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”** The word “fellowship” (koinonia) does not refer to drinking tea and coffee together. It can be translated “common-union” or “communal participation.”

Followers of Jesus share something in common. We have common-union with Jesus Christ, or we might say, common participation in the life of Jesus Christ. Everything we receive from God is through our union with Jesus. What is God’s purpose for followers of Jesus?

- 1. To Share Common-union (in Christ Jesus).**
- 2. To be Saints Together (in Christ Jesus).**
- 3. To be Graced with God’s Good Gifts (in Christ Jesus).**
- 4. To Receive our Eternal Reward (in Christ Jesus).**

Reflection Questions:

1. If you are a follower of Jesus, how does being in “common-union with Jesus” change the way you see your walk with Him?
2. If you are a follower of Jesus, what is the next step for you when you consider “being a saint together with others”?
 - a. Baptism?
 - b. Church Membership?
 - c. Commitment to a small group (Life Group, Discovery, ILM Fellowship, etc.)?
 - d. Serving with the gifts God has entrusted to you?
3. If you are not yet a follower of Jesus, what is the next step you are ready to take (e.g., prayer with someone, Connect and Explore, Discovering Jesus)?

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