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The Root and Fruit of Spiritual Fellowship

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In this new book, this gifted pastor takes us right into the heart of the New Testament Christianity and the very nature of the Church, demonstrating the fellowship that is one of the signs of the gospel - both to the church itself and to the watching world.

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This book is great. Anyabwile's examination and explanation of the various Bible passages for each chapter is both enlightening and encouraging. I never came to a point where I said, "Where is he getting this?" or "Why does this matter?" He takes his readers straight to the work of Christ as the foundation of our fellowship and then explores the various aspects of that fellowship and how it should play out in our churches. If more people were presented with the truths in this book when they first join a church, they'd know exactly what is expected of them as members of the church and how the church should function as a body. This kind of discussion is sorely lacking in many churches today.

I do have a few minor quibbles with the book, not so much in