



"And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also." 1 John 4: 21

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Heart to Heart...

We hear someone speak of fellowship. People talking and enjoying each other's company. We speak of fellowship as a potluck lunch or in some social gathering. These are fine but they are not biblical fellowship. It is just social.

"Fellowship" literally means *"a sharing in common"* or *"communion with."* For us in Christ Jesus, we share God and His Son in common. ***"Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God."*** What do all these share in common? SIN! They "fellowship" in common things. To "fellowship" God, we must share in His things.

"Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ? Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of one bread." (I Corinthians 10:16-17) The term "sharing" is the word "fellowship." We fellowship one another when we fellowship in the bread and blood of Jesus in His Supper. We are the benefactors of His body and blood. Some see little importance in sharing in Christ and one another in His Supper.

If you are "fellowshipping" Jesus and I "fellowship" Jesus, will we automatically have "fellowship" with one another? If you share in Jesus, feasting on His teachings and I fellowship in His word, would we have "fellowship" with one another? When those in Christ have little to nothing to do with others fellowshiping Jesus, are they in "fellowship" with God?

Brethren, true "fellowship" is when we share Christ Jesus in common. It's dealing in God's spiritual world and possessing the same things Christ possess and deeply caring about His things, sharing in those things when we are together. Have you ever wondered when we are together there is little discussion on spiritual matters?

“But if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.” (I John 1:7) There is the answer of sharing in God’s life. We have “fellowship” with God by walking in the Light and that gives us “fellowship” with His Son who keeps cleansing us from all sin! One either “fellowships” darkness sharing those things in common or they “fellowship” God and His Christ and when gather together in any setting, it’s evident who our “fellowship” is with. Think about it!!!

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