

FELLOWSHIP II

“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.” (1 John 1:5-7)

In Him there is no darkness at all: Faith and Believe in God transform our lives from living in darkness to a living in the light. Living in darkness is living under the effect and the influence of Satan and his agents, the demons, and those who obey him and follow his evil and crooked way of life. Communion and fellowship with God dictates on us to live a life pleasant to God by following the Lord Jesus Christ and following His Word and commands to us.

The Lord Jesus Christ came from heaven, God the Father sent Him to save our lives. ***“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)*** The Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross for our sins, He suffered a cruel death to save us. He was buried but rose from the death on the third day to give eternal life to those who believe in Him and follow His steps in their lives. The Lord Jesus declared, ***“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12)*** To live in the light is to follow the Word of Jesus and His instructions in our lives and in our relationships with other people. His Word and teaching determine the type of relationships that we have with other people around us. God is love and that love transforms us to love and care to one another inside the body of Christ and to carry that love to others who live in darkness. But to bring the good news of Jesus to others does not mean to share the same way of life that they are living and to have fellowship with them. Our fellowship should be with those who live in the light, and our fellowship with one another should be a fellowship of light and nothing of the darkness should be of it. A true Christians should refrain from following and fellowships with such kind of relationships.

1- Not to eat food sacrifice to idols: “Consider the people of Israel: Do not those who eat the sacrifices participate in the altar? Do I mean then that a sacrifice offered to an idol is anything, or that an idol is anything? No, but the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons.” (1 Corinthians 10:18-22) Food that unbelievers cook and prepare for their religious celebrations is food offered to demons and to partake it is to participate with demons and with such action God is not pleased.

2- Not to intermingle and have fellowship with sinners, mockers, and wicked people: “Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.” (Psalm 1:1) To spend time and fellowship with such kind of people will corrupt us as the Word of God tells us, ***“Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.” Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning; for there are some who are ignorant of God -- I say this to your shame.” (1 Corinthians 15:33-34)*** We have to go and preach the gospel to them. They should not be the one who influence us, but we should influence them and bring them to Christ.

3- Not to be yoked and be married to non-believers: “Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people.” (2 Corinthians 6:14-16) We who believe in Christ Jesus become the temple of God and the Holy Spirit of God would live in us. ***“Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?” (1 Corinthians 3:16)*** Therefore we have obligation to God not to be yoked and get married with non-believers, they are the temple of Satan, and we should not be yoked with them. But if you had already married to a non-believer then you ought to continue your lives with him/her, praying to God that he/she will know Jesus and receive Him as Savior and Lord and got saved.

4- “Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.” (Ephesians 5:11) Our fellowship as Christians between one another should be pure from the evil deeds of darkness. ***“But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person -- such a man is an idolater -- has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore do not be partners with them.” (Ephesians 5:3-7)*** Our fellowship should be clean from the Joking, foolish talk, obscenity, drinking, playing cards, gambling, impurity, greediness, and immoral hidden relationships. We have nothing to do with such kind of people.

My Dear and Beloved: “If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take him into your house or welcome him. Anyone who welcomes him shares in his wicked work.” (2 John 10:11) Also watch who is coming to your house? Who are the people who come to visit you? Are they the true people of God or some other kind of evil people? The Lord Jesus said, ***“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.”*** Your house should only be open to those who carry and follow the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ. Also another thing in the house is your TV, what you are watching in it? Worldly movies and worldly music! Christians should not watch that. Jesus love to stay with you, so keep your life, fellowship and your house clean, as you agree to pray.

My Prayer: Father God, I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried but rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word that brings light into my life. Lord I repent of my sins being having friendship with many non-believers. Lord I commit myself from this day on to cut my friendship and fellowship with _____, and I will stop watching and listening to worldly things and movies. Thank you Lord, this is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.