



Fellowship

with

Christ

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It must be understood that there can be no fellowship with Christ apart from knowing Him as personal Saviour. Fellowship involves agreement. As long as a person remains “dead in trespasses and sins,” he does not have the capabilities of fellowship. A “dead” person cannot believe, share, work, or worship, which are vital parts of fellowship with Christ, our risen Saviour.

Fellowship with Christ Involves Believing

Over one hundred times in the gospel of John, we are instructed to “believe.” We must believe such scriptures as Acts 16:31, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. ” Also, we are told in John 1:12, “But as many as received Him, to them gave he the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name.”

Believing must continue after we are saved. The child of God must constantly take God at His Word. The great love chapter, I Corinthians 13, tells us that love

“beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.” The apostle Paul prayed in Ephesians 1:18-19, “The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power.”

Fellowship with Christ Involves Sharing

1 Timothy 1:18 almost becomes a definition of the principal of sharing- “That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate.” The word “communicate,” as used here, means a liberal sharing of what we have in Christ. It seems such a shame to try and horde up the riches of our Lord. If they make us happy and prosperous, we should share them with others that they can be happy, too! This is one of the great privileges and blessings that come to Christians

who love the Lord.

Fellowship with Christ Involves Worship

Our Lord told the woman at Jacob's well, "the hour cometh, and now is, when the true (real) worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship Him." Communion or fellowship takes more than one person. We shouldn't worship ourselves. There is no "real" worship apart from the Lord Jesus. The Holy Spirit and the Word must be involved with all true worship. Our Lord should be the center of all our worship services, the center of all our work, and in fact the center of our lives.

Fellowship with Christ Involves Work

Ephesians 2:10 states, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." There are lots of "works" that are

not “good works”, but any work in conjunction with our Lord is bound to be a “good work.” We should speak as the apostle Paul spoke in 2 Corinthians 6:1, “We then as workers together with Him ...”

God will bless work that is done for Him, and with Him. Yes, fellowship with Christ is both sweet and rewarding.

May “the Lord of the morning” bless your lives as you yield to our Lord Jesus Christ.

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