



***Fellowship in the
Light***

Fellowship Defined

- Fellowship – “association, community, communion, joint participation” (Strong’s)
- Fellowship in the New Testament is describing the relationship of partnership
 - 1 John 1:7
- Primary focus is on fellowship with God
 - 1 Cor. 1:9; 2 Cor. 13:14

Basis of Fellowship

- ***With God***

- 2 John 9-10
- 1 John 1:6-7
- John 8:31-32
- John 17:17-22

- ***With Man***

- 1 John 1:3,7
- Ephesians 5:5-11
- 2 Corinthians 6:14
- John 7:24



Consequences of Fellowship

- **Fellowship is severed when one falls from the Truth**
 - **Isaiah 59:2; Hebrews 10:26-31**
- **We cannot be in fellowship with God and with those who walk in darkness (1 Jn. 1:7)**
- **We cannot associate with those who practice sin**
 - **1 Cor. 5:11; 2 Thess. 3:6, 14-15**

Ignorance A Solution?

- “If I disagree with you about the role of women in the church, I have not lost my soul. This is plainly so because, even if I’m wrong, I’m not intentionally wrong. I’m really trying to get this right! If a congregation allows women to have authority or speak in a manner that you consider sinful, even if you’re right, they are not deliberately sinning. They think that they’re right. And you should take considerable comfort from God’s promise that you will be saved despite being wrong on the subject – if you’re the one that’s wrong.”

– Jay Guin – *Buried Talents*, 2007 (p.17-18)

Ignorance or Christ?

- **God does not put a premium on ignorance**
 - **Acts 17:30; Acts 8:20-23**
- **Ignorance is not of Christ**
 - **Ephesians 4:17-24**
- **Holiness, not ignorance, is the answer**
 - **1 Peter 1:13-16; 2 Peter 3:18**

Grace Covers All Problems?

- **“Grace extends to this area too. A Christian will not be lost if he or she in good conscience violates God’s will regarding women. Such a Christian will be wrong will have sinned – and will be forgiven. Nowhere does the Bible say that God will not forgive or will apply a stricter standard in this area.”**

– Jay Guin – *Buried Talents, 2007 (p. 7)*

Grace or Doctrine?

- **Grace teaches and instructs**
 - Titus 2:10-13
- **Grace through the Word**
 - Acts 20:24,32
- **Grace-filled unity does not sacrifice doctrine**
 - 1 Corinthians 1:10; Philippians 1:27; Gal. 1:6-9
- **We cannot accept those God has not accepted**
 - Romans 13:13-14; 14:1-3

True Fellowship

- **Participation with God through Christ in Truth**
- **Fellowship among men is based on adherence to the Truth**
- **We do not have fellowship with those who walk in darkness**
- **We must not have association with apostates**
- **We are called to be holy (1 Pet. 1:15-16)**



**Do You have
Fellowship in the
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