

“Wicked Fellowship”

2 John 1 - 13
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The Gospel Mandate Is That The Believer Be Watchful For Those Who Would Pretend To Be Christ's, (vs. 8)

There Is ONLY One Doctrine Of Christ; The Love Of Christ Living In His Bride, (vs. 4 - 8)

There Is ONLY One Fellowship Of Christ; The Transformed Believer Who Has Been Changed By Christ, (vs. 9 - 13)

Message Emphasis: There is a great misunderstanding about what it means to be the Bride of Christ. Many do not believe that doctrine is central to daily living and consequently daily living is governed by “non essential” matters. We must understand that there is no way to distinguish between who belong to Christ and who doesn't without the foundational teachings of our Lord Jesus that are embrace as the cornerstone of each decision.

1) There Is The Necessity Of Being Reminded Of What We Believe, (vs. 4 - 6)

- Remember, joy ONLY comes from obedience, (vs. 4) *Is your lack of joy directly related to disobedience?*
I REJOICED (Aor.Pas.Ind) **greatly to FIND** (Perf.Act.Ind) **some of your children WALKING** (Pres.Act.Part) **in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father.**
- Remember, obedience ONLY comes from a heart that loves Christ, (vs. 5) *How are you living by a “new” commandment?*
And now I ask you, dear lady – not as though I were WRITING (Pres.Act.Part) **you a new commandment, but the one we have HAD** (Impf.Act.Ind) **from the beginning – that we love one another.**
- Remember, a heart that loves Christ loves what He has said, (vs. 6) *Do you know what Christ has said about love?*
And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.” (John 15:12-17, ESV)

2) There Is The Necessity Of Being Reminded That There Are Those Who Don't Believe, (vs. 7)

- Remember, unbelief is not passive *Any root of unbelief brings deception in your heart*
For many deceivers have gone out into the world,
- Remember, unbelief is deceitful *Deception is not seen for what it is – otherwise it is not deception*
those who do not CONFESS (Pres.Act.Part) **the COMING** (Pres.Act.Part) **of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist.**

“Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.” (Galatians 6:7-10, ESV)

*****What Must I Do To Be Assured Of Truth? *****

Message Directive: Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul; ONLY in Christ will you find real fellowship

3) There Is The Necessity Of Being Reminded What Our Relationship With Christ Means, (vs. 8 - 11)

- Remember, we must be mindful of our salvation, (vs. 8) *Are you on cruise control? What is at stake?*
WATCH (Pres.Act.Impv) **yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward.**
- Remember, we are regulated by God's word, (vs. 9) *How far are you willing to go to obey God's word?*
Everyone who GOES (Pres.Act.Part) **on ahead and does not ABIDE** (Pres.Act.Part) **in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever ABIDES** (Pres.Act.Part) **in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.**
"No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." (Luke 9:62, ESV)
- Remember, we have been told how to relate to those who don't obey, (vs. 10 - 11) *Are you willing to do the hard work?*
If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not RECEIVE him into your house or GIVE him any GREETING (Pres.Act.Inf), **for whoever GREETs** (Pres.Act.Part. / Inf) **him takes part in his wicked works.**

"For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them. What the true proverb says has happened to them: "The dog returns to its own vomit, and the sow, after washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire." (2 Peter 2:20-22, ESV)