

**“Teach Communion with God in Family Worship”; Session # 15 on Family
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Teaching Communion with God.

1st John 1: 1-7 – “That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life – the life was manifested and we have seen, and bear witness and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us—that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.” “And these things we write to you that you joy may be full.” This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.” “If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.” “But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”

Let me ask you whether you, Fathers, are declaring to your children what you have seen and heard in the Christian life. Oh, I know that you have not seen Christ in the flesh as the Apostle John did, but you have seen God bring you out of darkness and into His marvelous light. What you are declaring to them is that Jesus Christ is the Word of life, and He can say the word and they be spiritually healed. He can say the word and they be given life. He can speak peace to their precious souls. And He, in doing so, is initiating fellowship with them, and spiritual fellowship with you. How great and good a thing this is, is proved through all of the life of the Christian, to Himself, and to his family. We want others to have this fellowship of Christ with us; especially our dear children. This is what brings us truly and lasting joy, when our children are following Christ. When they are not, we are troubled and concerned for the welfare of their souls. Let us explain to them that walking in the Light of God’s truth and grace in Christ is the very best way to live. It is glorifying to God and will bring them the greatest earthly happiness which they could possibly find. But we must also warn them that it is possible to live a lie. If we say that we are a Christian and have fellowship with Christ, and we walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. In other words, we are not really a Christian if we do so, no matter what we might say of ourselves. But if we are walking in the light, we are having dealings with Christ over our areas of sin and weakness, and we will be over and over again, each and every day, be coming to Him in prayer, asking forgiveness for our heart sins, asking for the cleansing of Christ’s blood, that we might walk uprightly before Him. This is the beauty and the glory, the simplicity and the power of living the Christian life in sincerity and truth.

Think of what the Apostle John says over in 2nd John 4 – “I rejoiced greatly that I have found some of your children walking in truth, as we received commandment from the Father.” “And now I plead with you lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment to you, but that which we have had from the beginning: that we love one another.” “This is love, that we walk according to His commandments.” “This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it.”

Tell your children, fathers, that your greatest source of rejoicing is finding them walking in the truth of the Bible, the truth of God; walking in love for other Christians, and walking according to all that is written in it.

Joshua 1: 8 – “This book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it.” “For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.” “Have I not commanded you?” “Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you, wherever you go.”

Psalm 63: 1-8 – “O God You are my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.” “So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory.” “Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You.” “Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name.” “My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips.” “When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on you in the night watches.” “Because You have been my help, therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice.” “My soul follows close behind You; Your right hand upholds me.”

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“There is a notable Scripture in Psalm 63: 8 where David says, ‘My soul follows hard after Thee, O Lord.’ “Thy right hand upholds me.” “A poor child who walks with his father may be weak and cannot go as fast as he desires, but the father puts forth his hand, and takes hold of him, and so upholds and strengthens the child, and the child follows hard after the father. So it is here. “O Lord, Thy right hand upholds me.” “If it did not uphold me, I could not walk.” “But Thy right hand upholds me, and then my soul follows hard after Thee, and so increases in godliness more and more. Page 201 of A treatise on Earthly-mindedness.

I will close with some of the verses that I began this study with:

Psalm 78: 5 – “For God established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children; that the generation to come might know them, the children who would be born, that they may arise and declare them to their children, that they may set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments.”