

“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 Body Of Christ; The Regenerate Bride Of The Lord Jesus Christ, (vs. 1 - 3)

There Is ONLY One Doctrine Of Christ; The Love Of Christ Living In His Bride, (vs. 4 - 11)

There Is ONLY One Fellowship Of Christ; The Transformed Believer Who Has Been Changed By Christ, (vs. 12 - 13)

Message Emphasis: There is a great misunderstanding about what it means to extend the right hand of fellowship toward those who claim Christ as their Savior. Christ is simply not their Lord. We must understand that to be found in Christ means that we are living in obedience to His word and to accept anyone who is not living in obedience as a child of God is a wicked fellowship.

1) If Christ Is Your Husband, You Will See His Church As He Does, (vs. 1)

Many want the blessing of identity apart from the relationship with Christ

- There is an order that points to Christ *It is real easy to diagnose your regeneration; a willingness to accept what you don't like*
The elder... to the elect lady... and her children,
“So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.” (1 Peter 5:1-4, ESV)
- There is a bond that points to Christ *It is real easy to diagnose your regeneration; a willingness to love truth rather than self*
whom I love (Pres.Act.Ind) in truth,
“Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.” (1 John 3:18, ESV)
- There is a unity that point to Christ *It is real easy to diagnose your regeneration; a willingness to see others as Christ does*
and not only I, but also all who KNOW (Perf.Act.Part) the truth,
“even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,” (Ephesians 1:4-5, ESV)

2) If Christ Is Your Husband, You Will Submit To Authority As He Does, (vs. 2 - 3)

Many want the blessing of salvation apart from the submission to Christ

- The truth of Christ is NOT just an intellectual concept *How can you expect to have the truth of Christ without His presence?*
because of the truth that ABIDES (Pres.Act.Part) in us and will BE (Fut.Mid.Ind) with us forever:
“In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” (2 Corinthians 4:4-6, ESV)
- The truth of Christ brings real change *How can you expect to have the presence of Christ without being changed?*
Grace... mercy... and peace... will BE (Fut.Mid.Ind) with us,
“For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.” (Hebrews 10:26-27, ESV)
- The truth of Christ is founded on submission to authority *How can you expect to have the change of Christ without obedience?*
from God the Father and from Jesus Christ... the Father's Son, in truth and love.

*****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