

“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 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 promote fellowship within the body of Christ. Many have made unity an idol by seeking to fellowship with all who claim Christ without much discernment about whether the Spirit of Christ is present. True unity in Christ is a reality but we must understand that if we seek fellowship with those who are outside the body of Christ, living in contradiction to the word of Christ, we ourselves are guilty of participating in their sin.

“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you? Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like:” (Luke 6:46-47, ESV)

1) 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 (Pres.Act.Impv) **him into your house or GIVE** (Pres.Act.Impv) **him any GREETING** (Pres.Act.Inf), **for whoever GREETES** (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)

2) There Is The Necessity Of Being Reminded How Our Relationship With Christ Moves Us, (vs. 12 - 13)

- Remember, we are called to confront each other *What really happens when we avoid confrontation at all cost?*

Though I have much to write to you, I would rather not use paper and ink.

- Remember, we are called to strengthen each other *What really happens when we teach “Do as I say and not as I do?”*

Instead I hope to come to you and talk face to face, so that our joy may be complete. The children of your elect sister greet you.

“Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;” (Hebrews 12:12-15, 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

