



God's Formula for Fellowship

Reid Temple Mid Week Instruction

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The Importance of Fellowship

- Fellowship is a necessity in the body of Christ.
- Fellowship means things held in common. It implies standing together on common ground.
- God desires to have a close personal relationship with us, where we and God stand together on common ground.
- John shows us how close communion and intimate fellowship with the Father can be the normal Christian experience.

Breaking Fellowship

- A believer can slip and fall into sin but there is always a desire for a quick recovery.
- The true Christian will not be happy or satisfied until the situation is dealt with and sin is made right with God.
- When a Christian sins, they break fellowship with God, but there is a formula for restoring and maintaining that fellowship day by day.

We Must Recognize our Sins

- True fellowship with God hinges on our ability to admit our sin. We have to own our sin.
- God forgives sin, but it must be admitted before it can be forgiven.
- The world's attitude concerning sin is that sin doesn't exist. Rom. 3:23; Gal. 3:22; Eccl. 7:20.
- Before sin can be dealt with it must be seen as an affront to God.

World's Viewpoint of Sin

- Evolution: Man is on his way up
- Education: Man can be taught to live over sin.
- Science: Solve the problems of nature and man can be set free from sin.
- Sociology: Sin is a by-product of an unhealthy environment.
- Psychology: Talk about yourself, focus on what you need and eliminate your own guilt.

We Must Repent of our Sin

- If we recognize our sin and confess it to God, and truly repent of that sin, God will absolutely forgive us and cleanse our lives. Heb. 8:12, Isa. 43:25; Isa. 1:18.
- Repentance involves a total change of heart and mind resulting in a change of direction and action.
- When we truly repent, sin is forever removed from us and guilt is replaced with peace.

We Must Reveal Our Sins

- The difference between relationship and fellowship is Sin can't undo a believer's relationship with God.
- Many believers are attempting to hide sin in their lives. They sin and act as if everything is alright. They are lying.
- This is extremely dangerous because you never prosper with hidden sin in your life.
Prov. 28:13

God's Word is our Light

- Light reveals error! That is why people do not attend Church regularly. Because sin is exposed to the light of the Word of God.
- The Holy Ghost brings conviction upon your heart and you are forced to see your sins for what they are and abomination to God.
- There are two kinds of conviction: General and specific. General a feeling of guilt no reason usually Satanic. Specific from God's Spirit.

We Must Relate Our Sins

- Confession is naming our sin to God and agreeing with God concerning the nature of that sin.
- A Spirit filled life is not one that is sinless. It is a life lived in close fellowship with God.
- When we learn the principle of instant confession, we live more consistent lives.

We Must Rest In The Lord

- The best news in the world for Christians is that there is a place where we can deal with our sins.
- A place where guilt can be exchanged for peace. Jesus offers such a place freely.
- Jesus is always faithful and cleanses us no matter how many times we come. Ps. 103:12

Let's Review

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- When a Christian sins they break fellowship with God but there is a formula for restoring that fellowship day by day.
- True fellowship with God hinges on our ability to admit our sin.
- The difference between fellowship and relationship is Sin can't undo a believers relationship.

See You Sunday!

- 7:30 – Fighting Another Giant! 2 Sam. 1:4-12 Pastor Washington
- 9:30 – Rev. Watley – North Location
- 10:30- The Authority to Get Up! Mt. 9:1-8 Pastor Washington
- See You Sunday!!!! Rejoice!!! Blessings!!!
- Don't forget the Andrew Plan: Bring a soul to Christ.