This Only Takes About 7 Minutes To Read — Would You Give Jesus 7 Minutes Today?



It seems like so very long ago, about 1968 - I think, when one of my best friends, Dr. James Holder of California, said, "Fellowship is two fellows in the same ship". Now this seems so simple, but it is really very profound. You would not believe the numbers of people that I have known down through the years, that have tried to walk "lock-step" with someone that they really had nothing in common with. It was such an obvious and painful thing to behold. It was almost always a fuss, or disagreement every turn of the way. Sooner or later, their union would end in heartache and pain. Believe me when I say to you that the Bible has a lot to say about getting



along with other people. There are so many scriptures and examples from God's Word, that I do not have room to write them all here. But, we can share a few.

Amos 3:3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

There must be a starting point in all successful relationships. By this we mean, for any two people to be able to successfully walk together, they must have some common ground of agreement. You will often hear two people talk about the things that they have in common. They often are amazed at even the smallest likes and dis-likes that they in common with their new found friend.

God is a person too. God has many attributes that are often found in humans. The reason for that is that we were made in His image.

Genesis 1:26-27 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. (27) So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Now, because we were created in His Image, you might would think that we could have something in common with Him. Here is that fellowship starting point that we talked about — It is in our walk with God!

1) There Can Be No Fellowship With God If There Is Sin In Our Lives.

Isaiah 59:1-4 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: (2) But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. (3) For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness. (4) None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.

2) There Can Be No Fellowship With God If Jesus Is Not Your Savior.

Isaiah 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Ephesians 2:13-14 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. (14) For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

3) There Can Be No Fellowship With God If We Walk Not In The Truth.

1 John 1:5-10 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. (6) If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: (7) But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. (8) If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (9) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (10) If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.