

The Bases of Fellowship in Jesus

Intro:

1. What are the bases of fellowship in Christ?

Body:

- I. Christ is the foundation of fellowship in Jesus — 1 Jn. 1:3.
 - A. Jesus is the very foundation— 1 Cor. 3:11.
 1. Without Jesus, there is no fellowship.
 - a. Our tolerant society sees it differently.
 - b. Such a view is inconsistent with Biblical teaching.
 - (1) Our fellowship is “in Christ.”
 - B. Fellowship with the Father & the Son is necessary — 1 Jn. 1:3.
 1. One is called into fellowship by the Father —
1 Cor. 1:9; Rom. 8:29-30; 2 Th. 2:13-14.
 2. Fellowship is consummated through baptism —
1 Pet 3:21; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16.
- II. Truth is the guiding principle of fellowship in Jesus — 1 Jn. 1:6-7.
 - A. To walk in the light is to walk in the truth — 2 Jn. 4; 3 Jn. 4.
 1. We can know truth — Ps. 119:151 & 160; Jn. 8:31-32.
 2. Truth sets us free from the bondage of sin — Jn. 8:34.
 - B. To walk in the light is to be saved according to truth —
1 Tim. 2:3-4; Jas. 1:18; 1 Pet. 2:22.
 - C. To walk in the light is to worship in truth — Jn. 4:23.
 - D. To walk in the light is to continue steadfastly in truth —
Acts 2:42; Jn. 16:13.
 1. See — 1 Cor. 4:17.
 2. Agreement in doctrine — Amos 3:3; 1 Cor. 1:10.
 - E. To walk in the light is to live according to truth —
Ps. 119:160; 2 Jn. 4 & 6.
 - F. What about those outside of Christ — 1 Cor. 5:9-10.
 1. There can be no partnership with them — 2 Jn. 9-11.

Conc:

1. Christ is the foundation of our fellowship. Truth is the guiding principle.
2. You, too, can have fellowship in Jesus.
 - a. God calls you into that fellowship through the gospel.

The God That Sees

Intro:

1. Genesis 16:7-14 with background.
2. Can you relate to that?

Body:

- I. Hagar was an insignificant slave girl, yet God was aware of her.
 - A. To God, every individual is significant.
 1. You are of value to Him — Matt. 10:29-31
 2. He knows your needs — Matt. 6:8.
 3. He cares — 1 Pet. 5:7.
 - B. He is capable of caring for your needs —
Eph. 3:20-21; 2 Cor. 12:9.
- II. What will He do?
 - A. He will comfort you through prayer — Phil. 4:6-7.
 - B. He will comfort you through others — 2 Cor. 1:3-4.
 - C. He will keep you from being overwhelmed — 1 Cor. 10:13.
 1. Job is an example — Job 1:12; 2:6.
 2. We should learn — Jas. 1:2-4.
 - D. He will keep you through His providence — Rom. 8:28.
- III. What can you do? — Eph. 3:20.
 - A. Trust in Jehovah — Prov. 3:5-6.
 - B. Pray — Matt. 7:7-8; Lk. 18:1.
 - C. Seek the counsel of the Bible — 2 Pet. 1:3.
 - D. Tell others your needs and seek their counsel — Prov. 17:17.
 - E. Bear your own burden — Gal. 6:5.
 1. Be a fighter, not a quitter — 2 Tim. 4:7.
- IV. What can others do?
 - A. Comfort — 2 Cor. 1:3-4.
 - B. Help bear their burdens — Gal. 6:2, Gal. 6:10.

Conc:

1. God is aware of your spiritual needs, too.
 - a. He has sent His Son.
 - b. What will you do?