

*"God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord." 1 Corinthians 1:9 KJV*



*"God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them." Did you ever have a "best friend?" Someone who needed no explanations; laughed with you; cried with you; labored with you to meet your goals at their own expense? God created man for fellowship. God does not need man for He is completely contented in His own being, but in His gracious liberality created man, like Himself, so they could and would enjoy each other and Creation's bounty together. Why are God's flowers such a universal gesture of goodwill among men? His heavens are universally awe inspiring! His landscapes so breathtaking! God came visiting in the cool of Eden's evenings to share the day's adventures and strengthen His friendship with Adam and Eve. But for all that He had given and done for them, they still hearkened to the insidious voice of another who hated God and wanted to destroy any pleasure He may have. Satan is a God hater and all of his followers retain that earmark. Truth is anathema to them in any shape or form! "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things." God takes pleasure in all the works of His hands. "Thou hast created ALL things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created." Still functioning in the "image of God," men seek pleasure in their own devices and inventions, not realizing that they were created for fellowship with God in the enjoyment of His works which, if they sought it out, they would find "joy unspeakable and full of glory!" Satan thinks to usurp the place of God in men's lives, but since he can only counterfeit true pleasure, he tries to create men after his own image which began with the Eden's lie, "Ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." Isaiah prophesied Satan's destruction. "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit." Whose works bring you pleasure? Your own or God's? Your answer is eternal!*

For whose fellowship do you long?  
In whose friendship do you belong?  
The Truth declares who is your Lord,  
And whether heaven you'll afford. -CGP

The heart in tune with God will desire what God desires and take pleasure in what pleases Him, not out of duty, but out of pure unadulterated joy! "Delight thyself also in the LORD, and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass. And He shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment (wisdom) as the noonday." Our pleasure is His joy and His pleasure is our joy! True believers find their greatest delight in the company of God, Himself!

*"Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls." 1 Peter 1:8-9 KJV*