

*"If we say that we have **fellowship** (common interest) with Him, and walk in darkness (disobey God's Word), we lie, and do not the Truth: But if we walk in the Light (obey God's Word), as He is in the Light (IS God's Word), we have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:6-7 KJV*



Ignorance of God's Word won't save you from Hell on Judgment Day, any more than ignorance of men's laws will keep you from prison! God's Word in our thoughts purifies our deeds. *"This Book of The Law (God's Word) shall not depart out of thy mouth (conversation); but thou shalt MEDITATE (think) THEREIN DAY AND NIGHT, that thou mayest observe TO DO according to ALL THAT IS WRITTEN therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."* Our walk with Christ determines our compatibility with believers. Many drift from church to church looking to fill THEIR needs, when the object of their search, THEIR NEEDS, can only be found in obedience of God's Word. It is not the Church's responsibility to satisfy my soul or fill my needs, but to augment my personal walk with God, that is; my meditation and obedience of God's Word. If you know little or much it matters not. Give what you have and receive what is given. Let me add, your "experience" must mirror the Written Word or it is evil, and we must not allow it to infect our fellowship. Charles Spurgeon wrote, "When the two disciples had reached Emmaus, and were refreshing themselves at the evening meal, the mysterious stranger who had so enchanted them upon the road, took bread and brake it, made Himself known to them, and then vanished out of their sight. They had constrained Him to abide with them, because the day was far spent; but now, although it was much later, their love was a lamp to their feet, yea, wings also; they forgot the darkness, their weariness was all gone, and forthwith they journeyed back the threescore furlongs to tell the gladsome news of a risen Lord, who had appeared to them by the way. They reached the Christians in Jerusalem, and were received by a burst of joyful news before they could tell their own tale. These early Christians were all on fire to speak of Christ's resurrection, and to proclaim what they knew of the Lord; they made common property of their experiences. We too must bear our witness concerning Jesus. John's account of the sepulchre needed to be supplemented by Peter. Mary could speak of something further still; combined, we have a full testimony from which nothing can be spared. We have each of us peculiar gifts and special manifestations; but the one object God has in view is the perfecting of the whole body of Christ. We must, therefore, bring our spiritual possessions and lay them at the apostle's feet, and make distribution unto all of what God has given to us. Keep back no part of the precious truth, but speak what you know, and testify what you have seen. Let not the toil or darkness, or possible unbelief of your friends, weigh one moment in the scale. Up, and be marching to the place of duty, and there tell what great things God has shown to your soul." (see Luke 24:11-36)

When we walk with the Lord in the Light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey. ~John H. Sammis, 1887

Obeying the Light of Truth allows sure footing in the pathway of life. The more light, the more the way is known. Christ is not only our Light, but our Way. There's no fellowship with God without His Word.

"In the beginning was the WORD, and the WORD was with God, and the WORD WAS GOD. The same was in the beginning with God. ALL THINGS were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was Life; and the Life was the Light of men." John 1:1-4 KJV