"But God will redeem my soul from the <u>power of the grave</u>: for He shall receive me. Selah." Psalms 49:15 KJV

There's no honor, title, nor station in the grave. Once entered, there is no exit. "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the Judgment." You enter eternity only once; either into eternal death or eternal life. Failure to secure passage for eternal life before death condemns you to eternal death! There's no salvation beyond the grave! No coming back, No speaking to the living! Mediums do not "talk to the dead! They talk to demons and are deceived themselves! "Every



idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the Day of Judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." You'll either be judged by your own, or through faith, by the deeds of Christ on your behalf. "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life: and whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the Lake of Fire." Faith in God alone secures eternal Life, "and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; not of works lest any man should boast: If we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead. Faith cometh by hearing (obeying)...the Word of God. Without faith, it is impossible to please Him." Paul chided the Galatian believers; "O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the Truth? This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?" Deeds, not Truth motivated, are carnal. Even preaching, singing, and praying can be of carnal origin if done out of a sense of duty rather than loving obedience. They fall into the category of "wood, hay, and stubble" and will be consumed by Holy Spirit fire before the Judgment Seat of Christ "for our God is a consuming fire!" If life is not lived "by the faith of the Son of God," it's lived by carnal desire. It's "either/or," not both. You can't mix light and dark. God divided them "in the beginning" and they'll never coexist; not in the physical nor in the spiritual dimension!

> Escape the grave by Christ alone, All other ways will leave undone, Beyond the grave there's only night, For those who walked not in the Light! ~CGP

We forsake the Assembly, because we attend out of a sense of duty. We do not fellowship with one another in the light of Truth. Next time you go to Church, count the number of conversations you have about God's Word. I daresay you will not escape the fingers of one hand! "God is Light and in Him is no darkness at all. 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." We talk about what occupies our thoughts. We can only be "provoked unto good works" with the conversation of Truth. All else is carnal and will conceive only sin and death. "When lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." What have you done recently to bolster the faith of others in Christ? Church isn't a social club!

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Philippians 4:8 KJV