

# Walk in the Light With One Another

by Timothy Tow

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*Christian Fellowship is about walking in the light with one another, being reconciled, forgiving, and having fellowship one with another through the blood of Jesus Christ.*

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## Description

Timothy Tow preaches about the importance of walking in the light with one another in Christian Fellowship, emphasizing the cleansing power of Jesus Christ's blood to wash away resentment and sin. He contrasts true Christian Fellowship based on Jesus Christ with the false Ecumenical Movement that promotes unity with various religions, highlighting the need for a solid foundation in faith. Tow addresses doctrinal differences within Calvinistic circles and the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation in personal relationships and church splits, urging peacemaking and humility in resolving conflicts.

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## Transcript

Text: 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. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: 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. (1 Jn 1:5-7)

Walk in the light with one another. This is Christian Fellowship. Honest Christian Fellowship should have no harboured resentment against our Christian friend or friends. All should be washed away by His precious blood. "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" (1 Jn 1:7).

There is a false Christian Fellowship promoted on a worldwide scale. It is the Ecumenical Movement by the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam 1948. Its purpose is to unite all Christendom under the banner of unity in Jesus our Saviour with an undefined, loose statement which includes Roman Catholics and Greek Catholics, Unitarians, and followers of all human religions, even atheists. Hence, in a double deal they leave out the word Christian in its masthead. They are the World Council of Churches, not World Council of Christian Churches.

As the Ecumenical Movement developed, they held an Assembly in Vancouver at which they had Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism sitting on the same platform. They killed an animal according to Red

Indian rites to inaugurate the meeting. In Australia , Canberra , they were cleansed in a ritual of holy smoke according to the aborigine's practice. What can be more pagan than this? Such a laughing stock of a Council of Christian Fellowship. It is a false Christianity walking in darkness.

To counter this false Christian movement God raised Dr Carl McIntire to start a 20th Reformation movement in the same city of Amsterdam , also in 1948. It is called the International Council of Christian Churches. It is also on a worldwide scale. Our Christian Fellowship is based also on Jesus Christ our Saviour, with the defined tenet that He is God's virgin born Son. We believe in His miracles, His death as a substitute for our sins, His burial and resurrection, His ascension and personal return to judge the world. We believe in the plenary, verbal inspiration of Holy Scripture, infallible and inerrant. Because the foundation of the ICCC Declaration of Faith is rock-solid, it has attracted fundamental believers from 100 countries to a true Christian Fellowship.

Our Church which is Bible Presbyterian, is willing to help poor Baptist Churches in the Philippines to build three new churches costing a quarter million US dollars. We gave another quarter million to help build a Bible College for Rev Dan Ebert III, a faithful missionary, though he is also Baptist. A Baptist minister from Bob Jones University praised the Lord for this act of brotherly cooperation, for he never could expect it. This is true interdenominational Christian Fellowship.

Sad to say, within Calvinistic circles, we have our own young people, who have turned HyperCalvinists. They argue that John 3:16 is not for the whole mankind but restricted to the Elect (which Calvin himself refutes). They counter our stand on Israel 's restoration in the Premillennial Return of Christ, that Israel 's position is taken over by the Church. They stress the importance of Sabbath keeping so strongly that they condemn those who eat outside on Sunday to be Sabbath breakers, like the Pharisees of old. When those Pharisees found fault with Jesus' disciples for plucking corn to eat on the Sabbath Day (therefore they broke the Sabbath law), Jesus rebuked their bigotry, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath" (Matt 12:1-8; Mk 2:23-28, Lk 6:1-5). Right down the line the young HyperCalvinists of three of our big B-P Churches condemn women's part in the service of the Church, deacon's entrance into preaching, the singing of hymns and sacred songs with music, the celebration of Christmas and Easter, etc, etc.

They never realise that by stressing even one of these minor points it can split a church. The case of Miss Ong Soo Kheng is an example. During the 1935 Revival Meetings in Singapore , there was not only Dr John Sung but also Watchman Nee. Watchman Nee taught that women must cover their heads in Church. Miss Ong followed John Sung but her Aunt followed Watchman Nee. This resulted in her being ostracised from the big extended family. The split affected the whole Church.

To keep the peace of the church, fortunately, our HyperCalvinistic young people left to form another Church. "They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us" (1 Jn 2:19 ). On these differences our children could not fellowship with the parent Church. But they could not gainsay my two books, The Story of My B-P Faith and The Truth Shall Make You See.

Now we come to Christian Fellowship not involving doctrine but personal differences, such as splits in a Church over administrative policy. Can the outgoing person flourish without making peace with the leaders he has offended and vice versa? In any altercation it cannot be one is totally wrong and the other totally right. In the humility of Christ who teaches us to be forgiving 70 x 7, let us be reconciled. Brothers on the

side who seek their coming together are peacemakers of the Lord (Matt 5:9).

Peacemaking for estranged husbands and wives is also walking in the light with one another. A husband left his wife to consort with his office secretary, though he returned home once in a long while. The wife being of a good nature received her husband all the same. Now this lady told me that her husband's girl friend was of a quarrelsome nature. I prayed with her that God would send a quarrel between her and her husband. It worked. The husband returned. The wife forgave him. Is it right? Forgiveness ends all the tension. So if we have a quarrel with another, "even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye" ( Col 3:13 ). "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" ( I Jn 1:7)

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