

Assembling Ourselves Together: The Lack of TRUE Fellowship and TRUE Churches



Fellowship

FELLOWSHIP: The Fellowship Dilemma. What is a Christian to do?

A common complaint today is “I can’t find a good church.” There are many whose answer to that complaint is to recommend another church. But what if the churches are the problem, not the solution. What then? Where is one to go for fellowship?

THE FELLOWSHIP DILEMMA

“Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised ;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”

—Hebrews 10:23-25

“I can’t find a good church.” It’s a common enough complaint in the times in which we live. One assumption to get out of the way is...(Hebrews 10:25) says NOTHING about assembling together publicly or in a church building, OR how many times a week, month or year it is to be done. Still, most Americans turn to their churches when they think of “fellowship” and “assembling ourselves together.” Fellowship becomes an even bigger concern as more and more recognize that as far as apostasy goes, the modern churches are the problem—not the solution.

I could write a book on this topic. It has come to the point in America where people are having to leave church to find God and truth. The average pastor has been caught up into the apostate NAR or the new evangelical movement, that is user friendly, wishy-washy, compromising, weak-kneed, milquetoast, head-in-the-sand, Bible-corrupting, and the most cotton-candy religion of our time. There are many inherent dangers of going to a church today...

—The Dangers of Going to Church

People recognize there is a problem with their church. They then turn to another church in hopes of fixing the problem. But many times, they do not find a “good church. IN the times in which we live, one is sometimes tempted to forsake the **“assembling of ourselves together.”** This goes hand-in-hand with the difficulty of finding a church that sticks strictly to the Word of God. As opposed to finding plenty of churches which claim to stick to the Bible but then insert tons of their own doctrines, advice, speculation, etc. Almost inevitably, a church will be recommended, visited and evaluated. Almost as inevitable, it will be found lacking in the very basics of what a Christian church should be.

—Assembling Together, Fellowship and the Apostate Church

So, if the answer is not to be found in the churches, what is one to do?

THE ELIJAH SYNDROME

Some have virtually given up on finding a “good church.” This writer can sympathize! Sometimes, one feels like Elijah after he had the people of Israel slay the priests of Baal.

“And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.”

—1 Kings 19:10

NARROW ROAD: True Christianity is a VERY Lonely Road...“and I, even I only, am left;” But Elijah was not alone and God told him as much... ***“Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.”***

—1 Kings 19:18

As in Elijah’s time, so as today: there are true believers but they WON’T to be found in the houses of idolatry. This brings up the point: what is one to do if they are convinced that the churches are NOT preaching the Word of God? There are many who answer that question concerning the frequent unbiblical preaching and ungodly events that go on in their church with... *“Well, I don’t agree with everything they do, but...”* Now really, is this a true Christian response? NO! We are told to avoid “mixture”...

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?”

—2 Corinthians 6:14

So again: if the answer is not to be found in the churches, what is one to do? Where can a true Christian go for fellowship? And what of the **“assembling of ourselves together?”**

Those asking these questions need to consider some things such as: The churches are clearly not the answer: because we’re not to be unequally yoked. The answer is to share the gospel more and create more believers. It’s a slow road, but it is worthwhile and most of all its Biblical! So if a true believer cannot find any true believers where he lives, start praying and ask God to bring you someone you can share the gospel with and mentor in the faith, teaching them to do the same and then ...fellowship with the new believers.

THE GOSPEL IS NOT COMPLICATED!

“For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:”

—1 Corinthians 15:3-4

