

## 99.5 Let's Agree to Agree

**Amos 3:3 (NKJV):**

**Can two walk together unless they are agreed?**

When we walk together, we must agree to be with each other and to go in the same direction. I heard about one man who had trouble breaking an old habit. He invariably left the toothpaste cap off the tube. For years his wife had hounded him about it, and he agreed she was right. Finally, on their 25th anniversary, he committed privately to breaking the annoying habit. With faithfulness and regularity, he screwed on the cap every time he used the tube. After a week of unbroken success, his very suspicious wife blindsided him. She cornered him at the breakfast table and asked, "Why have you quit brushing your teeth?"

Most of us would say we want to go to heaven and will attend church services as proof. While some are honorable, others see heaven as a better option than hell and use the gospel as a "fire insurance policy" to prevent the loss of their souls. The premiums they pay are: denying worldly pleasures they prefer and engaging in spiritual activities they prefer not.

Transforming our lives is difficult. It is challenging to deny and die to ourselves daily. God requires us to empty and refill ourselves with the presence of Jesus by His Holy Spirit. This is not an easy task, for like the root of a pesky weed clings to the soil of our garden, we hang onto our sinful nature. Just like the weeds, my sinfulness needs to go. Paul wrote of this in **Romans 7:18-20 (NKJV)**:

**<sup>18</sup> For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. <sup>19</sup> For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.**

Some hold to their sinful nature under the guise of faux Christianity. Their goal is not to be transformed into the image of Christ (**2 Corinthians 3:18**) but to legalistically earn their salvation by checking off the boxes of obligations to God. Others want to enjoy a socio-religious setting that is clean and wholesome. This is about a shallow club, not winning the world with Christ.

Fellowship IS an essential aspect of Christianity, and we need to enjoy the company of good people. Still, it is more comprehensive than just social activities such as eating and playing board games. Fellowship is a "*joint participation*" in shared activities. Together the early disciples participated in learning and sharing the gospel (**Acts 2:42-47**). If we settle for "eat and meet" church socials, we are not ready for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit and are more influenced by Hollywood than the Holy Word.

If God and His Spirit are authentic, following Jesus is more than an insurance policy; Christianity is more than a list of obligations to check off and more than an opportunity to mingle with friendly people. Instead, we long for the best God has to offer, which is wrapped up in His Son and the presence of His Spirit. We must agree to walk with Him to obtain His best.

We can agree to walk with God when we get to know Him more fully. We can make the mistake of thinking it is "once and done" with God. We learn enough to be born of the water in baptism and assume that is all there is to it, but in the words of Karen Carpenter, "*We've Only Just Begun.*" Peter tells us there is a process involved when he said, ". . . **but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**" in **2 Peter 3:18 (NKJV)**.

When we agree to walk with God, we agree to walk with Him the same way He wants to walk with us. We are His priority, and He wants to be ours. He tells us to love Him with all our hearts because He loves us in

the same manner. Paul asks, “**He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?**” in **Romans 8:32** (NKJV).

God can't give us anything more significant than His Son to show His love. He holds nothing back, but we do. We prefer the Rich Young Ruler approach and keep what is important to us rather than making Christ the most important. To make Him our priority in life, we must engross ourselves with Him as the object of our faith and practice. Just as a disciple wants to become like his rabbi, we want to be JUST LIKE JESUS, our ultimate Rabbi. It is a process.

In agreeing to walk with Him, we identify Him with the proper credentials. He is Lord, Savior, and Christ. We walk with Him in obedience, fellowship, righteousness, and witness to the world. He is the only way to the Father (**John 14:6**).

Christianity is not a game to play. It is a matter of eternal life in the world to come and abundant life in this world. It begins when we agree to walk with God and one another. To have a nation in agreement with God, each individual must be.

We tend to want to fix the “big picture” first, but we must start locally and work up. The first grassroots step is my agreement to walk with God. If I don't, why should others? If I do, then I can encourage others who encourage others, much like **2 Timothy 2:2** (NKJV):

**<sup>2</sup>And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.**

Our forefathers made a concerted effort to walk with God. They stood for liberty and independence based on the scriptures, not their impulses. The firebrand **Patrick Henry** emphasized America's dependence on God and declared:

*It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

AND:

*Righteousness alone can exalt [America] as a nation...Whoever thou art, remember this; and in thy sphere practice virtue thyself, and encourage it in others.*

In every generation, some Christians go through the motions of faith. “What a Utopia it would be” if all genuine Christians agreed with God and one another in His all-encompassing cause!

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