

A General overview of Fellowship: Does God Want us to Worship and Pray with other Churches?

How many churches are there in the World? - TWO

1. GOD'S CHURCH - which says that we are saved through Christ Jesus who died on the Cross for the sin of the World.

GOD'S CHURCH – Salvation is DONE

2. MAN'S / SATAN'S CHURCH – Which says that we have to do something to be saved.

MAN'S CHURCH – Says you must DO something to be saved.

II Cor. 6:14- I Cor. 7:1 – There are Two Churches in the World. “Come Out” from among them. (See Also **Rev. 18:4**)

Believers and Unbelievers.

Light and Darkness.

Eph. 5:11-13 – The Light is from God.

Darkness is from Satan.

There are many religions, but on Judgment Day, God will look on the heart and will make the final judgment.

Gen. 4:1-5 – God Saw that Cain was not serious about the truth. Outwardly both Cain and Abel appeared to be worshiping God.

But their hearts were different.

Gen. 4:8-16 – Cain Killed Abel. Cain did not repent of his sin. God sent Cain away.

Gen. 6:1 – 7:23 – Noah and his family followed and obeyed God.

All the other people in the World did not follow God and they died in the Flood.

Gen. 12:1-8 – God told Abraham to leave his family.

Why did God Tell Abraham to leave his family?

God told Abraham to leave his family because Abraham's Family worshiped idols

God Wanted to protect Abraham from Idols and sin and Eternal Hell. The Promised Messiah would come from Abraham/

Gen. 17:1-27 – Why did God Command Abraham to begin Circumcision?

Circumcision was a sign that separated God's Church from the Church of the World.

Circumcision was a sign of the Old Testament.

Now in the New Testament Christ has given us Baptism.

– Why did God give the Children of Israel all the Old Testament Laws?

The Old Testament Laws Kept the Children of Israel Safe from the false beliefs of other nations.

The Old Testament Laws separated the Children of Israel from the Unbelievers.

Deut. 7:1-6

Deut 7:1-26

Exodus 34:11-16

IN The Old Testament God told the Children of Israel to remain separate from Unbelieving Nations.

Rom. 16:17-18 Titus 1:10-16

Titus 3:9-11

II Tim.2:4-19

In the New Testament God Tells us to stay away from Unbelievers, To be Separate.

II Cor. 6:14-18 What does light have to do with darkness.

They are different. - In the New Testament Church God Tells Believers to Stay away from Unbelievers.

On Judgment Day God will punish the Unbelievers by sending them to Hell and taking the believers to Heaven.

Matt. 25:31-46 – On Judgment Day there will only be two Churches, The Church of God and the Church of Satan.

The Sheep of God and the Goats of Satan.

Breaking, or Not fellowshiping with someone or some group says – “This is a WARNING because you are giving the appearance that you are embracing false doctrine and any false doctrine (a Lie) is a danger to your saving faith. We want you in heaven, beware of false doctrine, false prophets and lies. Satan used lies to trick Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. He still uses lies, sometime subtle lies to trick us today. To break Fellowship does not automatically condemn someone to hell. NO Not at all. It is simply a warning. I emphasize, it is a warning. Scripture (God's Word) is filled with warnings

Keep the Unity – **Ephesians 4:1-16 & Col. 3:14**

O.T. Fellowship – **Deut. 7:1-26 & Deut 2:34**

Fullness of Christ, Christ is the Head, everyone on the side of Christ Submits to every Word of Christ (God). – **James 4:7;**

I John 4:6; James 1:22; John 10:27

Do not Add or subtract from God's Word – **Deut 4:2; Revelation 22:18-19**

Other Passages for thought – **Romans 16:17-18; Titus 3:9-11; I Timothy 1:3-7**

Matthew 7:6 – Do not cast the pearls to Pigs.

Men can not read the hearts of other men, but we can see what other people do and we can see and hear their confession of faith. If someone is in a church body that teaches false doctrine one can only judge the action. The action says that they also believe and embrace those false doctrines that is why they worship there. Therefore out of concern for Saving faith, Warnings are given. Be careful, Satan is a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour, and he is chained with God's Word. Do not pet Satan the Lion, he may grab you with his claws and you may not get away. **I Peter 5:8-9; Jude 1:6; 2 Peter 2:4.**

Matthew 18:15-20 – This passages talk of Excommunication. Excommunication says that some one is living in unrepentant sin and if that person continues in that unrepentant lifestyle, then they will find themselves in Hell.

Passages in which God tells us to preach and teach Sound Doctrine: **I Tim. 1:3; I Tim. 1:10; I Tim. 4:16; I Tim. 6:3-5; II Tim. 4:2-5; Titus 1:9; Titus 2:1.**