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Last week we started to touch on what fellowship with God really is through the power of believing. So often we have confused fellowship for friendship, and so in turn, are not being brought into this divine spiritual oneness with the Father and Son, resulting in a lack of divine spiritual oneness with one another.

This is a massive problem for God's people, because the prayer of Jesus, the High Priest and great Apostle, was for His church to be ONE, so a lost world would know that He was sent for them. Does a lost world today know Jesus was sent for them, because of the divine spiritual fellowship of the church?

I think the answer is clear. With all our denominations and all our individual beliefs and viewpoints about God and His purposes, the evidence speaks for itself. The heart cry of Paul that we would make his joy complete, by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose, seems a far cry from today's reality, but it doesn't need to be this way.

The early church devoted themselves to "fellowship" - Acts 2:42. They had the revelation of how essential spiritual oneness was with the Heavenly Father. They all knew that oneness with their Father would mean oneness with one another. Spiritual oneness and the growing of it with one another, is the outcome of having spiritual oneness with the Father.

Relationship or friendship with one another, doesn't produce spiritual oneness or fellowship with one another. Only true fellowship with God, via the Spirit, produces this divine fellowship or oneness with one another.

***1 John 1:3 what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.***

***1 John 1:6-7 If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.***

We can see from John's testimony, that fellowship, spiritual oneness with one another, comes from hearing and seeing what is in the unseen realm, the eternal. John is saying what he heard and saw from the divine revelation of the Spirit, he proclaimed or prophesied to others, so they could have fellowship with him and others. It's because of what he heard and saw in the unseen, the eternal realm, that his fellowship is with the Father and the Son. This is nothing short of profound.

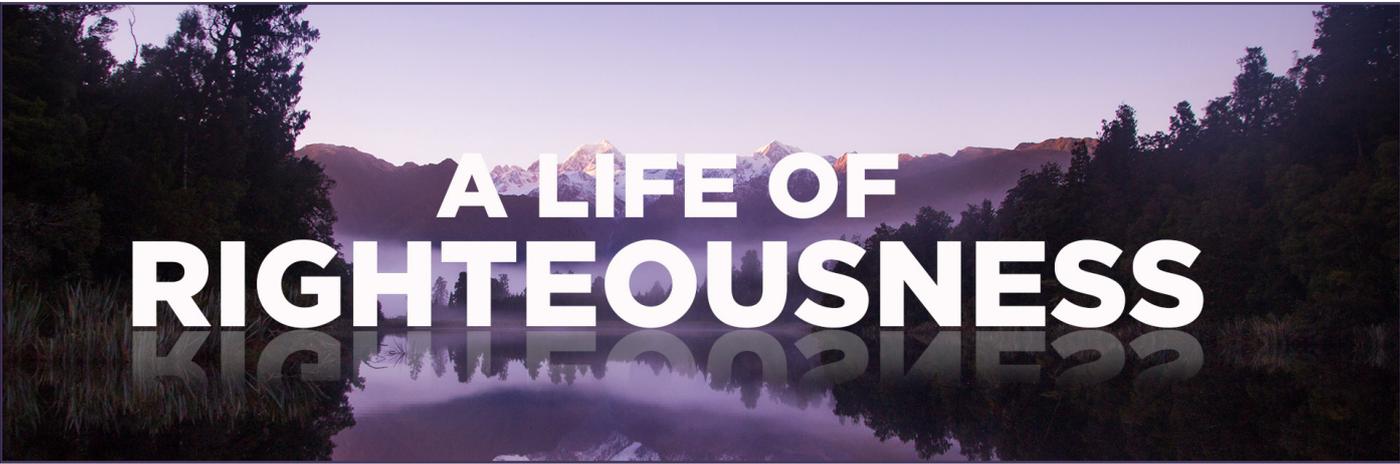
Now let's look at verse 6 & 7, because this is where the test and challenge comes, as to whether we are actually in this spiritual posture of oneness, with God and others.

Discuss as a group these 2 questions.

**Q. What does it mean to walk in the darkness?**

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To walk in the darkness means to walk in the flesh. To walk in the Light means to walk in the Spirit.



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In other words, it's one thing to say you are in fellowship with God and others, and it's an entirely different thing to live from and in this position of fellowship. If we say it and don't live it, God calls us liars and we are not practising or living out the truth - wow. May we not be found in this position.

He says if we walk in the Light or the Spirit as He does, then we will have fellowship with one another. This is the key to divine spiritual oneness alone. It is not based on friendship with one another or achieving a common task or functioning work for God. It is purely and only based upon knowing and living in and from the Spirit.

## QUESTIONS

1. What would a church look like in action, that was in and growing in fellowship with God and one another?
2. Why is fellowship or oneness not birthed or formed through events or functioning works?
3. How is this fellowship birthed and grown within us as the church?
4. How much of this fellowship are you in with the Father and Son?

**ACTION POINT:** What action point do we need to take away from tonight and apply to our lives?