

FELLOWSHIP - RELATIONSHIP - COVENANT

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.

The importance of a “relationship” as it relates to FELLOWSHIP, can be seen from the example of marriage.

Marriage was ordained from God and as such, it is not an ordinance that any man or society can regulate or amend.

God alone has the right to define marriage.

The "fellowship" in a marriage between a man and a woman is only legit, if the man and woman meet with God's law regarding who can marry.

The importance of this “relationship”???

Because of it (the relationship), the “bed” is NOT DEFILED (Heb. 13:4). Without a relationship, their coming together would be reduced to a sharing (joint-participation) in sin (i.e. fornication and/or adultery).

Fellowship is based upon the relationship. The relationship is established by the covenant. The covenant contains terms and conditions. The covenant is ratified when the terms and conditions are accepted. Fellowship is enjoyed as the covenant terms are honored (obedience). The fellowship is broken when the terms of the covenant are transgressed.