

## FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

### Genesis 5:24

**Introduction:** Everyone is probably familiar with the term "family tree." Some even have traced their family name back through history to its beginning. As one looks through the "tree" there are some famous family members, there are some strange ones, there are some "black sheep" ones and then there are the normal, regular ones. Genesis 5 is a "family tree" and among the members of that "tree" one stands out as "famous." Enoch is noted for his outstanding achievement of "walking with God." Do you know of anyone of your "family tree" who has done as Enoch, "walked with God?" Just what is "walking with God?"

### I. THE FACT OF FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

1. Walking with God means to have fellowship.
  - Fellowship is one of the greatest experiences of life.
  - Prisons often place prisoners in solitary confinement to prevent fellowship as a means of punishment. No contact with other prisoners.
  - Fellowship, alone, can make life worth living.
2. The highest fellowship on earth is a person in fellowship with God.
  - All of us want to impress others by who we know. We "drop" names or like to be seen with certain people.
  - Many fellowships with one another are close and very dear.
  - No earthly fellowship can compare with one with God.

### II. THE MEANING OF FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

1. "Fellowship" means movement, walking, etc. with another.
  - One doesn't just "hang out" with God.
  - God is constantly moving toward His purpose.
  - God doesn't just stand around or sit motionless staring off into space daydreaming.
2. "Fellowship" means knowledge.
  - *"...can two walk together except they be agreed?"*
  - It is mutual, common knowledge.
  - It is an intellectual knowledge, an awareness of the facts. (Biblical doctrines, etc.)
3. "Fellowship" means a personal relationship.
  - Knowing a person by voice or/and by sight.
  - Face to face, first hand intimate knowledge.
4. "Fellowship" means a heart-likeness.
  - Best friends are alike in many, many ways.
  - To know God is to be like God, in harmony, in sympathy, like two identical piano keys.

5. "Fellowship" with God is getting interested in what God is interested in, loving, hating what God loves and hates. It is giving yourself for others as God has done.

### **III. THE GROWTH OF FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD**

1. It has to be progressive. (*2 Peter 3:18*)
  - As a baby taking milk, moving onto solid food, so a Christian grows into Christ's likeness bit by bit, but in a steady manner.
  - The first five years of a child's life forms life long characteristics.
  - One cannot leap into adulthood in human life nor can one do so in the spiritual life.
  - The more one grows in Christ, the more one is able to walk with God.
2. It has to be appreciated.
  - Like an ear trained to appreciate classical music.
  - Like an eye trained to appreciate art and ballet.
  - Like a mind trained to appreciate mathematics.
  - Like a heart trained to appreciate poetry. "...How do I love thee? Let me count the ways..."
3. It has to be into the likeness of God.
  - Each step increases the capacity for more.
  - To run a marathon, there is first the step, then a walk, then the run.

### **IV. THE START OF FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD**

1. Enoch started at age 65 with the birth of his first son.
2. We are already in God's image, created to have fellowship with Him, already have the facilities for knowing God, the capacity to know God and apart from God we will never be what we are supposed to be.

### **CONCLUSION:**

1. By faith in Jesus Christ, the believer becomes a part of God and then by growing in Christ, one become more like God.
2. There are no logical reasons for one NOT to walk with God and to not walk with God is a terrible thing now and more terrible when one stands before the very God he/she did not walk with while on earth.
3. If you are already walking with God, walk closer. If you are not, then start. Take that first step by believing in Jesus Christ.