

## TWO PATHS—ONE WAY

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“Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?” {Amos 3:3} Amos, like the other prophets from God, spoke the message that was revealed to them through the Holy Spirit. (2 Peter 3:19-21) The prophets would not have been “walking with God” if they had spoken a different message, separate and apart from what had been revealed to them by God.

In the book of Genesis, the patriarch Noah is referred to as a man that "walked with God". We can read that " ... Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord ... Noah walked with God ... and thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him ... " (Genesis 6:9-22). Would Noah have been "walking with God" if he had done anything other than what God told him to do? What about two doors in the ark instead of one? Two windows instead of the one God gave in His instructions? See the point?

Yet today, we have many brethren who believe that we can hold different beliefs, teach different doctrines and still be walking with God. Is this possible?

Paul pleaded with the church at Corinth to " ... speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." (1 Corinthians 1:10)

We can read in 2 John 9 that, "Whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son."

By looking at these two passages of scripture we can know two things. First, God wants His children to all SPEAK THE SAME THING. Second, if we do not ABIDE in the doctrine of Christ, we cannot rightfully claim to be “walking with God.”

Today, UNITY, is a subject that many brethren are spending a great deal of time talking and writing about. Is it important? Can we have unity and not be in total agreement?

Before Jesus was taken away by His enemies, He prayed for unity. (John 17:20-21) He certainly seemed to think that it was important.

God did not give us "gray areas" that would cause us to stumble and fall. So called "gray areas" come about when men try to conform God's word to what the world is doing instead of transforming ourselves from the world. As Christians, when we have differences, we should reason together in order that we might understand God's word more perfectly. Do we want truth, or, do we want to justify a "position". " ... Let God be true, but every man ~ liar: ... " (Romans 3:4)

Whenever we have a question concerning the scriptures, the true answer will be given in the scriptures. If we truly desire to walk down "one path", we must be willing to ascribe to the teachings of one book - the Bible!

Unfortunately, this truth is not believed or practiced by the majority of the religious world or even some of our own brethren! Scores of folks today arrive at different teachings on many Biblical subjects. Yet, how can this be if we are all reading the same book?

One of the answers I've received many times is "we all have our own interpretations." Yes, this is true, but is it in keeping with the commands we've previously read? The true follower of God has no "private interpretation," but strictly and reverently follows His counsel – not our own! Only those who will humbly submit their understanding to His can claim to be truly "walking with God."

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: ... Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." (Matthew 7:13-14) Dear reader, the only way that is the right way which leads to eternal life is His – period! \*\*\*