Our Fellowship

Tony Mauck · Psalm 149

INTRODUCTION

- This is not a group of perfect people. These are people who are growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- This is worthy of our utmost energy and zeal and enthusiasm.
- Sing to the Lord a new song and his praise in the congregation of the godly ones.

1 Make Proper Distinctions and Not Blur the Lines

- It is important that we make proper distinctions and not blur the lines in regard to fellowship in the Lord's ecclesia universally.
- Not everybody who is included in the universal body of saved people is a member here at Decker Prairie.
- Just because someone is baptized in our building, it's not like automatic membership in the local church.
- If you come from without, there's going to be a sit-down with the elders. Because you see, they're the shepherds of this flock.

2 The Limits of Public Confession

- I would say this about public confession. It is often a very important step in the right direction.
- What is a requirement is that we have to agree to mutually participate together. We have to have an agreement that causes fellowship to occur.
- Let us not love in word, but in deed and truth.
- Our fellowship is based upon what we do know and what we believe about a person that they are striving to serve the Lord and to be the holy people that Christ calls them to be.

3 Termination of Local Church Membership

2 Corinthians 5:10

- Membership involves an agreement between two parties.
- We need to know that somebody is making a serious attempt to serve the Lord in their lives and to live a holy life.
- You can decide to terminate your membership for the Decker Prairie Church whenever you determine to do that. Now you need to communicate that because our elders are responsible for the souls.
- You need to be more concerned about fellowship with God than fellowship with a local church.
- Our responsibility to take action involves those who are numbered among our group.

4 I Don’t Get to Be a Christian at Large

1 Corinthians 12; Colossians 2

- In the midst of all the hostile influences and forces and culture, Christians need to band together.
- I don’t see anything in the New Testament that suggests I can just be Lone Ranger unless I’m somewhere where there’s absolutely no Christians.
- Holiness, a right response to God, requires this involvement. It’s bigger than just me, bigger than just one person. I have a responsibility toward others.
- This involvement, this interaction with other Christians is a part of my personal spiritual growth.

5 Make a Difference in the Spiritual Journeys of Others

- We’re here to make a difference in the spiritual journeys of other people.
- This body of Christians is about how I can make a difference in your life.
- Don’t underestimate your contribution in assisting in others’ spiritual journey to heaven. That’s what this is all about.

THE CHALLENGE

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MY NOTES