

FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

The three persons in the Godhead are the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Each one is different from the others, just as each one of us is an individual, distinct from others and standing in certain relations to others. God desires to reveal Himself as a person; He will reveal Himself, and it is our holy calling to enter into fellowship with Him.

God greatly desires this fellowship with man. But sin has come between man and his God. Even in the Christian, who thinks he knows God, there is often great ignorance of and even indifference to this personal relationship of love for God.

People believe that at conversion their sins are forgiven, that God accepts them so that they may go to heaven, and that they should try to do God's will. But the idea is strange to them that they may and must each day have this blessed fellowship with God, just as a father and his child on earth have pleasure in fellowship.

God gave us Christ His Son in order to bring us to Himself. But this is only possible when we live in close fellowship with Jesus Christ. Our relationship to Christ rests on His deep, tender love for us. We are not able in ourselves to reciprocate this love to Him. But the Holy Spirit will do the work in us. For this we need to separate ourselves each day from the world and turn in faith to the Lord Jesus, so that He may pour out His love in our hearts (see Romans 5:5), and so that we may be filled with a great love for Him.

Dear soul, meditate quietly on this thought. Read the words of Christ in John 14:21: "*He that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.*" Take time to believe in this personal fellowship. Tell God of your love. Say to Him, "Lord, You have loved me dearly; therefore, I earnestly desire to love You above all others."