"Can Two Walk Together, Except They Be Agreed?"

Amos 3:3

Introduction:

- A. It is great when two can walk together (Cf. Eccl. 4:9-12)
 - 1. Each can give the other strength, comfort and help.
 - 2. Walking together is of little value unless we are walking with God (Eph. 2:16).
- B. It pays to walk with God (Gen. 5:22-24; 6:9).
 - 1. Enoch translated to walk is to please God (cf. Heb. 11:5)
 - 2. Noah saved from flood.
- C. To walk with God, we must agree with God.
 - 1. Israel did not walk with God because they disagreed with God. (Isa. 55:7-9)
 - 2. We must agree with God to walk with him (2 Cor. 10:5).
- D. We notice some areas where men often find themselves in disagreement with God:

Discussion:

I. The Gospel Plan of Salvation.

- A. God has revealed several actions one must take to be saved
 - 1. One must believe (John 3:16); repent (Lk 13:3); confess (Rom. 10:10); be baptized (1 Pet 3:21).
 - 2. Many in first century agreed (Acts 2:37; 8:3-38; 16:31-34).
- B. Many do not agree with this plan.
 - 1. "I agree with all but baptism" (cf. Mt. 4:4).
 - 2. "I just don't see it that way."
 - 3. "That is just your opinion" How so, if I read it right from the Bible.

II. The Nature of the Church.

- A. God has revealed what he wants the church to be like.
 - 1. It is to be one body (Eph. 4:4; Eph. 1:21,22).
 - 2. It has no exclusive name, but called by terms of relationship.
 - a. Terms that showed to whom it belonged. (Rom. 16:16; 1 Cor. 1:1; Acts 20:28; 1 Tim. 3:15).
 - b. Terms that showed its make up (Heb. 12:23; Col. 4:16; Rev. 3:14; 1 Thess. 1:1; 2 Thess. 1:1)
 - c. Sectarian names are not found in God's word.
 - 3. It given certain acts of worship to perform. (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2, etc.)
 - 4. It is given certain work to do. (Eph. 4:11, 12).
- B. There are evidences that men do not agree with God.
 - 1. They want many bodies, wearing human names.
 - 2. They want to worship and work as they see fit.

III. The Duties Assigned to Christians.

- A. Three common examples: (1) Heb. 10:25, (2) Matt. 6:33, (3) 1 Cor. 15:58).
- B. Brethren often show by their actions that they disagree.
 - 1. Assemble only when convenient and irregularly.
 - 2. Put relatives, property and entertainment, etc. before the Lord's work.
 - 3. Stand for very little and given only token service to the work of the Lord.

Conclusion:

- A. Do you agree with God on these things?
- B. Why not show that you do by obeying?