# "HOW CAN WE WALK TOGETHER" Delivered to DANVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH Lord's Day Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> 2016 Elder Jeff E. King Th.M.

### To "walk together" implies there is mutual ground to stand on.

**In relation to church;** the N.T. covenant is similar to the marriage covenant which indeed requires mutual ground!

In Marriage; do you and your spouse have mutual standards of morality?

-The Bible says to "marry in the Lord", so, should the love for the truth be proportional?

Meaning an equal love between the pulpit and the pew.

But when this is not the case:

We must look here: The Art of Seduction

Is it fair enough to say that many if not most Baptist are blind? Meaning: Unconscious-Apathetic-Uninvolved How does this happen?

If you think everyone is on the same page, and they are not; what has happened? These *things* have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. 1 John 2:26

### Seduced from what to what?

Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. 1 John 2:24

### Now: Amos 3:1-3

How many of you knew that the title was based on a bible verse?

<sup>1</sup>Hear this word that the LORD hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying,

<sup>2</sup> You only have I known of all the families of the earth (by covenant relationship): therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.

<sup>3</sup> Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

**God says:** My people walk by different standards.

My people walk because they love me.

My people walk because I have shown them the way.

If His people walk differently, God says: "I will punish you for all your iniquities."

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### 2 John 1: 1-4

<sup>1</sup> The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth;

<sup>2</sup> For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us forever.

<sup>3</sup> Grace be with you, mercy, *and* peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

<sup>4</sup> I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children **walking in truth**, as we have received a commandment from the Father.

To the sophist, one opinion is as good as another if it can be profitably rationalized. R.Brong

The truth: How important is it?

When a country loses it, it loses its glory.

When a church loses it, it loses ITS glory.

Consider this:

If the Ark of God represents truth-morality-and what is just in Israel:

#### 1 Sam. 4: 20-22

<sup>20</sup> And about the time of her death the women that stood by her said unto her, Fear not; for thou hast born a son. But she answered not, neither did she regard *it*.
<sup>21</sup> And she named the child Ichabod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband.
<sup>22</sup> And she said, The glory is departed from Israel: for the ark of God is taken.

### Can we rely on the truth of God's Word?

"The truth of the Lord endureth for ever" (Psalm 117:2)

"Once, Baptist were only known by the doctrine they preach, today, that is certainly not the case." **Bro. King**