

OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Question: What should our relationship with God look like as believers?

LOVE - Mark 12:30 – “And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this *is* the first commandment.”

You should love the Lord with:

- All thy heart
- All thy soul (Inner life of the body/emotions)
- All thy mind (Our intellectual nature)
- All thy strength (Our energy)

SERVICE - Colossians 3:24 – “Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.”

What does it mean to serve the Lord?

- To serve the Lord is to acknowledge his Lordship
- To serve the Lord is to acknowledge our future inheritance
- To serve the Lord is a privilege
- Our service is the service of a priest
- Worship - *Psalm 29:2; John 4:23-24*
- Live for Him – *Colossians 1:10; 2 Timothy 3:10*
- Follow Him - *1 Peter 2:21; Luke 9:23*

OUR RELATIONSHIP TOWARDS OUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS

What should our friendships/relationships be like with our brothers and sisters in Christ?

LOVE – 1 Peter 1:22 – “Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.”

Loving one another is a sign of true conversion to Christ

- We know we have life in Christ by our love - *1 John 3:14*
 - To love one another is a directive of the Lord - *John 13:34*
 - To love one another is evidence to others of our salvation - *John 13:35*
 - We have the love of Christ inside us - *Romans 5:5*
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SERVICE - Galatians 6:10 –“As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.”

The life of Christ was a life of service

Not looking at his own needs, but our needs - *Matthew 20:28*

The Lord was known for his good deeds - *Acts 10:38*

We must prepare ourselves for service

A life of humility.- *1 Peter 5:6*

What happens if we do not humble ourselves? - *Matthew 23:12*

Put others before ourselves. - *Philippians 2:3*

Present our lives to the Lord as a sacrifice. - *Romans 12:1-2*

Keep ourselves pure. - *1 Timothy 5:22, James 1:27*

What are some ways we can serve each other?

- Pray for one another. - *Colossians 4:12*
- Do not hesitate to ask for prayer. - *1 Thessalonians 5:25*
- Wash each other's feet. - *John 13:1-17*
- What we wash with. - *Ephesians 5:26*
- Take care of each other's physical needs. - *1 John 3:17*
- There are exceptions. - *2 Thessalonians 3:10*
- Make sure no one suffers alone. - *Galatians 6:2*
- Unity in suffering and rejoicing. - *1 Corinthians 12:26*
- Minister the Word to each other. - *2 Timothy 3:16-17*
- Teach, reprove, correct, instruct as the Lord leads

OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WORLD

How should we treat those who come into our lives that are unsaved?

LOVE – Matthew 5:44 –“But I say unto you, Love your enemies...”

Love your enemies (Shows we have control of who we love)

Are unsaved people our enemies?

They are enemies of the cross, of our savior - *Philippians 3:18*

If they are not for the Lord, they are against Him - *Matthew 12:30*

We used to be the Lord's enemy - *Colossians 1:21*
