

## RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

**All Christians are drawn by God and must have a relationship with Jesus** - John 6:44-47 - "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day. 45 It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. 46 No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. 47 I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life.

**Christ Himself revered God and had to suffer to learn obedience** - Heb 5:7-10 - 7 During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. 8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered 9 and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him 10 and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

**The relationship with Jesus provides all wisdom and knowledge for Christians** - Col 2:2-4 - 2 My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, CHRIST, 3 IN WHOM ARE HIDDEN ALL THE TREASURES OF WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE. 4 I tell you this so that **NO ONE MAY DECEIVE YOU BY FINE-SOUNDING ARGUMENTS.**

**We want God to separate us for his sole use** - 1 Thess 5:23-24 - 23 May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

**In a nutshell we must be "Christ-like"** - 1 John 2:5-6 - 5 But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. **This is how we know we are in him:** 6 Whoever claims to live in him **must walk as Jesus did.**

## CHRISTIANS RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS MUST BE ADJUSTED

**All Christians must look out for other Christians and learn and grow from the past** - Rom 15:1-6 - We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. 2 Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. 3 For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." 4 For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. 5 May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, 6 **so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**We need to look out for other Christians to help provide what they are spiritually lacking** - 1 Thess 3:9 - Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

**A Christian must spiritually learn how to deal with others** - 2 Tim 2:23-26 - 23 Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. 24 And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. 25 Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, 26 and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

**How we treat one another must change** - Col 3:9-10 - 9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

## BEING GUIDED BY THE SOUND TEACHING OF THE BIBLE

**The Bible must be the guide and instruction book to all Christians** - 2 Tim 3:12-17 - 12 In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, 13 while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14 But as for you, **continue** in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, 15 and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 **All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training IN RIGHTEOUSNESS**, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**Christians must make sure what we are being taught with is truth from the Bible and that we are changing self** - Eph 4:20-24 - 20 You, however, did not come to know Christ that way. 21 Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. 22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

**Apply what we are learning** - Phil 4:9 - 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me — **PUT IT INTO PRACTICE.** And the God of peace will be with you.

**Christian must realize all of our situations are spiritual so they must be dealt with spiritually** - 2 Cor 10:3-6 - 3 For though we live in the world, WE DO NOT WAGE WAR AS THE WORLD DOES. 4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 6 And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete.

**Christians must realize there are false teachers and how to tell the difference** - 2 Tim 3:6-9 - 6 They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over weak-willed women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, 7 **ALWAYS LEARNING BUT NEVER ABLE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRUTH.** 8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these men oppose the truth — men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected. 9 But they will not get very far because, as in the case of those men, their folly will be clear to everyone.

## CHANGING ATTITUDES

**Living a responsible life is mandatory for a Christian** - Titus 3:13 - 14 Our people must learn to DEVOTE THEMSELVES TO DOING WHAT IS GOOD, in order that they may provide for daily necessities and not live unproductive lives.

**Learning to be content no matter your situation is a very important part of a Christians walk** - Phil 4:10-13 - 10 I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. 11 I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned **the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.** 13 **I can do everything through him who gives me strength.**

**Self-control in the Christian's walk is a constant growing process** - 1 Cor 9:24-27 - 24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? **RUN IN SUCH A WAY AS TO GET THE PRIZE.** 25 Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. 26 Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. 27 No, **I beat my body and make it my slave** so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

**Trials are an important part of a Christian's walk** - James 1:2-4 - 2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. 4 Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

**Let's take not from the Church of Sardis** - Rev 3:1-6 - "To the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. 2 Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of my God. 3 Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you. 4 Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. 5 **He who overcomes** will, like them, be dressed in white. **I will never blot out his name from the book of life,** but will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels. 6 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.