

Attitudes of a Citizen of The Kingdom of God

Phil 2:12-13 (ESV) My dear friends, you always obeyed what you were taught. Just as you obeyed when I was with you, it is even more important for you to obey now that I am not there. So you must continue to live in a way that gives meaning to your salvation. Do this with fear and respect for God. Yes, it is God who is working in you. He helps you want to do what pleases him, and he gives you the power to do it.

When you become a Christian you begin a lifestyle journey to put into practice what it means to be a Christian. This means you must learn how to live as one and develop the attitudes required to live as one. Demons confess Jesus is Lord but do not live as He requires them to live. So being a Christian is more than just declaring Jesus is Lord!

Anyone who says they follow Jesus but does not live as He requires them to is following the lifestyle of demons and will not go to heaven. It is only those that confess Jesus as Lord and show it by their lifestyle that will go to heaven.

There is a warning in Rev 3:5 that states that anyone who deliberately does not live in the manner Jesus requires them to live will not go to heaven but will go to hell.

This document discusses the attitudes and purposes a Christian should have to live in the way Jesus desires them to live.

God's Purpose

God's purpose for us is to believe in Jesus:

John 6:29 Jesus answered, "The work God wants you to do is this: to believe in the one he sent."

To do this we must develop an intimate relationship with Jesus and experience His Love for us so we will know who He is and what He has done for us and appreciate Him sufficiently to be motivated to follow Him.

We must learn all we can about Him and His requirements of us so we can relate to Him as we should and live in a way that pleases Him.

We are to serve Him out of love for Him and appreciation of what He has done for us. Fear of hell is not a good motivation for serving him, but it does help to realise what happens if you do not obey Him as Lord.

Jesus said in John 14:15 If you love me, keep my commandments.

Praise, adoration, worship, obedience and love for Jesus are a result of our appreciation of what He has done for us, is doing for us and will do for us as is our serving Him out of love for Him.

Unless you see God’s Heart for people you will not love them as He does or love Him as you should and will not serve Him out of a pure Love for Him. You also will not fully see how much He Loves you.

So we need to learn about God and His Love for us and to draw ever closer and intimately with Him to know His heart of Love for us and others so that we can respond out of Love for Him and obey and serve Him out of the quality of Love He has for us and others.

To know His love you must experience it and know you have experienced it and this is where The Holy Spirit helps you by showing you this. As you trust Him more you develop a greater love for Him and He can show and reveal more of His Love toward you.

God’s Love defined in The Bible in the two main passages that describe it

Aspect of Love	1 Cor 13:4-7	Gal 5:22,23
Kind	v4	V22 Gentleness
Patient	v4	V22 Long-suffering
Not Jealous	v4	
Not Boastful	v4	
Not Proud	v4	V23 Meekness
Not Rude	v5	
Not Selfish	v5	V23 Temperance
Not quick tempered	v5	
Not keep a record of others wrongs	v5	
Rejoices in the truth	v6	V22 Joy
Does not rejoice in evil	v6	V22 Goodness
Is Always supportive	v7	
Loyal	v7	
Hopeful	v7	V22 Faith

Trusting v7

Never fails v8

Peace

V22 Peace

One would think two passages describing God's quality of Love would agree or be identical. But it can be seen that the terms used are approximate so that you really need to look at both lists to get an overview of what God's Love is like according to The Bible.

God's type of Love expresses itself as the fruit of The Spirit.

In summary you could say that Love is the result of an active belief in God and what He has promised people. It expresses itself in selfless service and seeking only what God desires a person to seek. It trusts God in all that happens so it is never troubled by circumstances and obtains its worth from what God thinks of them so is never defending whom they are as a person so can accept others as they are. This means they can express the Character of God in them as they do not need to prove who they are to others as they know their worth because of their relationship with God.

This attitude is obtained by seeing God's Love, care, provision, plans for them and protection of them through spending time with Him and experiencing these things as they serve Him.

To express the Character of God then you must remove self and its needs so that only God's quality of character flows through you in all you do. This can only be done through self-discipline and studying what God's Character is like and applying it to your life which God helps you to do through trials and suffering as He builds your faith up so that you will try to be like Him character wise.

Some definitions of important aspects of the Christian life

Faith to believe in God and what He has said

Holiness to live according to His guidelines and not be contaminated by the world system Satan rules

Hope in what Jesus has promised you so that you will endure in the battle to the end

Love so that you will express His character in all you do for or to Him

Stewardship so that you will look after all He gives you both spiritual and physical

Knowledge to know what God requires of you

Wisdom to apply correctly the knowledge God gives you

Integrity to do correctly what God requires you to do

These are all aspects of the Christian life which need to be developed to and matured in it.

Holy Spirit's Guidance this is given to you to know how God desires these attitudes expressed as well as what God desires you to do in your daily activities.

Importance of obedience To Jesus.

In chapter 3 of the Book of The Revelation the church of Sardis had members whose names were written in The Book of Life but who were no longer obeying Jesus. In Rev 3:5 they were told to repent of their continued disobedience resulting from their lukewarm attitude to the things of God or their name would be blotted out (removed) from the book of life and they would lose their salvation.

Jesus said in His book of Revelation that you can lose your salvation through deliberately not repenting of disobedience (sin).

You are only required to be obedient to what God has been revealed to you and not to what you do not know or others believe you should know. In your correct obedience to Jesus is your salvation preserved!

Your level of belief in the things of God will determine the level at which you pursue them or obey them.

The three areas of Attitudes

To God

Worship Him

Obey Him

Love Him for what He has done for us

To Jesus as King of The Kingdom of God and the universe

Obey completely

Accept Jesus as Saviour, Redeemer

Accept Jesus as our brother and friend

To everyone else (all relationships must be based on God's type of Love)

The Body (fellow Christians)

Non-Christians

These are the attitudes you need to have to relate correctly to God, Jesus and others

The main attitude of Love is expressed to all and has no degree of levels in it. It is just the way it can physically be expressed depends on the relationship and social convention which is why a married woman can have sex and a single woman should not.

Attitudes

The importance of God's perspective in looking at things

You must always look at things in the way God looks at things so that you will apply His values and requirements and not be influenced by Satan's way of thinking which is expressed in the world system and its values that are always around you. (Satan makes certain of that)

If you do not know how God's principles and values apply to a situation, then ask The Holy Spirit. He has been sent by God to guide you in all the things you are to do with God as well as to teach you what you need to know to be able to do them (Job 32:8, Jn 16:13, Jn 8:32, Duet 29:29).

Attitudes to have

It is important to have God's quality of love. Love in the way He does and you will always do what He requires of you (Jn 13:34-35). This will be the foundation of all our attitudes if we are to express the Character of God in all we do.

We are to submit yourself completely to His Will (Rom 12:1-2)

We are to trust His Love, as whatever He allows to happen to you will always be for your best (Rom 8:28).

We are to seek Jesus and His things in all you do (Col 3:1-2, Matt 6:33).

Your objective should be to seek God's Will in all you do and develop the relationship you have with each member of The Trinity (Matt 6:32-34).

You must work at your side of the relationship you have with God and seek to maintain the obedience this requires (Phil 2: 14-15).

Your thoughts must always be pure and wholesome (Phil 4:8, Matt 12:36).

You must always be guided by the Holy Spirit (Rom 8:14, Jn 16:13).

You must serve Jesus in the way He desires you to serve Him, encouraging others to do what He requires of them (Heb 10:24-25).

You must believe God rewards His followers. That all you did for God on earth was worth doing. You must believe it will be all worthwhile and that all the rewards you have in heaven will be worth all you suffered on earth (Heb 11:6.)

You must endure to the end and finish the work God has for you on earth (1 Cor 15:58, Matt 24:13). It is on earth that we learn the attitudes we will use in heaven and it is only as we endure trials to their end that we will learn them as we should.

You must realize that when you affect another Christians, you really affect Jesus (Matt 25:40).

The attitudes expanded.

The basic altitude is unswerving, loving, obedience to Jesus. Jesus must be ruler of all you do. He does not ask you to obey Him out of fear of going to hell but out of love, appreciation and thanksgiving for what He has done for you.

In John 14:15 He specifically stated:

“If you love me, keep my commandments.”

Love is the basis of all Christian obedience and “Love for Jesus” is the basic attitude for the expression of all other attitudes of the Christian life.

God’s type of Love is the expression of The Spirit of God living in you and is expressed as: joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance (Gal 5:22-23). It is through these expressions of God’s type of Love to others that God shows His character through you.

The attitudes expanded

Because of what Jesus has done for us, we should submit our self to Him.

Rom 12:1. I beg you therefore, my brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God by a logical service.

2. And do not imitate this world, but be transformed by the renovation of your minds, and you shall distinguish what is the good, acceptable and perfect will of God.

Jesus redeemed us and paid the price God required to remove from us all the spiritual punishment for our sins that would have resulted in our going to hell. In other words, He delivered us from going to hell and removed the requirement to sacrifice to God for our sins.

Because of this, we are always able to be in a proper relationship with God so that The Holy Spirit can guide us and we can always approach God and we can be continually in His presence and hear Him continually.

Our primary reason for submission to Jesus is the love and thankfulness we have toward Jesus for what Jesus did for us at Calvary as well as what He is doing for us now on earth and will do for us in heaven.

We need to submit to Jesus so we are always where we should be so He can use us and meet our needs and help us along the path He has prepared for us from before creation on which is every good thing He has prepared for us.

We are told also to focus on the things of Jesus and to reject all that Satan offers us through the world system he controls and which is designed to distract you and guide you away from the things of Jesus as well as to blind you too them.

We need to change our attitudes and thoughts so they are changed from the ways we used to think (based on what we saw in the world around us) to that with Jesus desires us to focus on.

Coll 3:1. If therefore you are risen with The Messiah, seek that which is above, the place where The Messiah sits at the right side of God.

2. Feed on that which is above and not that which is in The Earth,

3. For you have died to yourselves and your lives are hidden with The Messiah in God.

4. And whenever The Messiah, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

We are to focus on the Will of Jesus for us. It is He who is our ruler, who, through Calvary, freed us from the punishment of sin and the bondage Satan had placed us. So if we are His follower of Jesus we will focus on His requirements of us and this focus will keep us from doing what Satan desires us to do..

Your mind should be occupied solely with His teachings and His will for you. To focus on the things the world (controlled by Saturn) offers you, is to take your eyes off what Jesus requires of you. So that you may end up disobeying Him in an area or no longer be a follower of Him.

You no longer should be in control of your life's purpose as you have offered it to Jesus to be Lord of. So, that now, your future hope and plans are tied up with the Will of Jesus for you.

As you do His Will and bring Him Glory, He also will bring your glory, reflected from the Glory you gave Him. It will also be the life that is best for you although you may not realise it at that time.

Matt 6:31. Therefore do not be concerned or say, 'What will we eat?', or 'What will we drink?', or, 'What will we wear'?

32. For the Gentiles are seeking all these things, but your Father who is in Heaven knows that all these things are necessary for you.

33. But seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

34. Therefore you shall not be concerned about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be concerned for itself. A day's own trouble is sufficient for it.

We should always be seeking the will of God and to improve the relationship we have with him. We should not be concerned about our needs as God promises to provide all we need if we focus on His Will and developing the relationship we have with Him. In fact v34 is almost a command not be concerned about the future, which you will not be if you trust completely God's plan and preparation for your life and in this attitude you will be spared the worries people usually have about their future.

Satan uses his world system to try and distract us from God's Love and provision, so we will worry and be anxious. If we believe in God and His Love for us, Satan cannot get us to do this. We will trust God for our needs and not worry about them or be anxious about anything and when we buy something we will ask God if we really need it.

Only in this attitude of complete trust in God's Love, Control, Purposes and Plans for us is their true peace and contentment. This is a result of having no anxiety or worry because you know God is in control and whatever happens is for your best.

If Satan can get you to not trust God's Love toward you, he can torment you. You must trust God completely, or He is not your Lord!

Phil 4:6. Do not be worried for anything, but always in prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be known before God,

7. And the peace of The God, Who is greater than every mind, will keep your hearts

1 Peter 5:7. And cast all your cares on God, for he takes care of you.

We are told to give our fears, worries and anxieties to Jesus to be Lord of as He will deal with them and help you go through them.

If you trust Jesus and His Love, you will ask him to help you. After all, that is what friends are for and Jesus is the best friend you will ever have.

When you wholeheartedly follow Jesus as your Lord, The Father in Heaven adopts you as His son and then you are not just a friend to Jesus, but He is now your brother through your adoption by The Father.

This is why you need to learn to spend time with Jesus and The Father. After all, who does not want to spend time with their beloved father and brother.

Rom 8:28. But we know that he helps those who love God in everything for good, those whom he preordained to be called.

Phil 2:12. Therefore beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not when I am near to you only, but now when I am far from you, all the more, with awe and with trembling, do the service of your life.

13. For God is carefully working in you both to desire and to do that thing which you desire

If you love Jesus, you will spend your time developing your side of the relationship. You will take whatever steps are needed to do this.

You will learn whatever you need to learn. You will do whatever you need to do. You will spend with Him whatever time is necessary to do this.

You will always trust that God is always working for your best so that you will never complain about what He is allowing to happen to you. You will trust His Love for you in whatever circumstances He allows to happen to you. He is Control of all your circumstances and Satan can do nothing to hinder Jesus in this.

Job 32:8 But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

Jn 16:13. "But whenever The Spirit of The Truth comes, he will lead you into the whole truth, for he will not speak of his own will, but he shall speak whatever he shall hear and he shall reveal the future to you."

Rom 8: 14. For those who are led by The Spirit of God, these are the sons of God

The Holy Spirit is your guide and is the person God has sent to help you in your Christian life. You will need to be able to hear his guidance and teaching as well as to trust this guidance and teaching. He also loves you and all he does is for your best. So you need to develop your relationship with Him and walk with one spiritual ear always listening to Him.

Phil 4: 8. Therefore, my brethren, those things that are true, those that are honorable, those that are righteous, those things that are pure, those things that are precious, those things that are praiseworthy, deeds of glory and of praise, meditate on these things.

Matt 12: 36. For I say to you that every idle word that people will speak, they will give an answer for it in the day of judgement.

37. For by your words you will be justified and by your words you will be condemned.”

Every wrong word you say you will need to explain to Jesus why you said it.

If you are led by the Holy Spirit, your focus will only be on good things that come from God and not on the things of Satan, which are unholy, and defiled and which anyone that deliberately does them cannot enter the Kingdom of God. You will also express these good things in your life to others.

If you love Jesus, you will only say and do things that promote the King and His Kingdom accepting only thoughts that do this and rejecting all of Satan that would hinder your doing this in your life:

Heb 10:24 (LITV) And let us consider one another, to incitement of love and of good works,

Heb 10:25 not forsaking the assembling together of ourselves, as is the custom of some, but exhorting, and by so much more as you see the Day drawing near.

You will also think of how Jesus desires you to serve others. We serve Jesus our King, and He tells us whom He wants us to serve as well as how He desires us when and how to serve them as well as to encourage others like He encourages us.

Remember that the five-fold ministries are gifts to serve people and not to control them.

Mat 25: 40 And The King answers and says to them, ‘Amen, I say to you, as much as you have done to one of these my little brothers, you have done that to me.’

This is why Jesus says that whatever we do to others we do to Him. They belong to Him and anything we do to any part of His Kingdom we do to Him.

It is Him we obey and show His quality of Love as we serve others. So how we express His type of Love to others is how we affect the demonstration of His quality of Love to them. They are also all children of The Father and what we do to them in a sense we do to Him.

Heb 11: 6. But without faith, no one can please God, for whoever is brought near to God must believe that he exists and that he is the rewarder of those who seek him.

As we serve God, out of Love for Him and those we serve, He has rewards for us. He asks us to believe He will reward us through doing all He said He would do for those who followed Him.

Faith must trust God and part of this trust is in Him rewarding us for this service we do to him. Even though He, as a King, does not need to reward us for the things He commands us to do.

Our primary reward is a relationship with God. This relationship results in salvation as well as the release of every good thing God is able to give you (other rewards).

Matt 24: 13 But whoever will persevere until the end will have life.

1 Cor 15: 58. From now on, my brethren and beloved, be steadfast; do not be shaken, but be abounding at all times in the work of THE LORD JEHOVAH, as you know that your toil has not been worthless in THE LORD JEHOVAH.

He requires us to wholeheartedly try and finish all He asks as too do and to endure all Satan does to us. By this we will show our love for Jesus and that He is our Lord.

So what are we to do for Jesus?

We are the representatives of Him and His Kingdom and are to proclaim, teach and demonstrate His Kingdom and its Character on earth to all who do not follow Him or know Him personally.

Jesus said (summarizing His last statements before He rose into heaven).

“All power (authority) is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in My name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.”

As you can see, Jesus desires us to tell others about His Love for them, what He has done for them, as well as what He can and will for them as well as teach them how to receive these things and obey Jesus in the doing of His Will.

If you Love Jesus you will do this for Him.

Do not be concerned if you do not know how to do these things. The Holy Spirit promises to teach you all you need to know to do this and will bring people and information to you to help you to learn about doing this in the way Jesus desires you to do it.

If you are able to do this but do not bother too when Jesus asks you to do it then you risk going to hell, unless you repent and do it. If you do not do it you have rejected Jesus by rejecting what He has asked you to do.

If you deny Him or knowledge of Him in any way, you have also rejected Him. Unless you repent and tell others about Him, you will lose your Salvation (Rev 3.5). He will reject you before the Judgement Throne of The Father so that you cannot go to heaven. The only other place you can go to is hell.

There are many people in hell who rejected what Jesus desired of them to do, yet still called themselves Christians (implying they were His followers).

How you deal with these attitudes is up to you. You have free will and it is your choice what you do with it. So you will have no one else to blame if you disobey God and end up in hell.

The race is not to the swiftest, or to the smartest or the most intelligent. It is to those who humbly obey and endure to the end in all Jesus asks them to endure.

If you love people as The Father loves them. You will always have before you their eternal destiny and good. And you will have one ear on the Holy Spirit to see what God wants you to do or say to them (if anything).

You do not Minister to all. But only those God desires you to Minister too and then you only say or do what he desires you to say or do for them.

This is why you must always be led by The Holy Spirit. So that you will always be ready to do or say what God desires you to do or say.

Other matters

Stewardship.

The Christian life is a life of stewardship. What God has given you to be steward of you must protect from Satan. The best way to do this is too:

Firstly make sure that Jesus is Lord of every aspect of your life including that which He has given you to be steward of. Which you are to use only for the purposes of His Kingdom.

Secondly to attack every Demon that is attacking you or things you are steward of, regardless of the area they are attacking.

This means you need to:

Know what God has made you steward of before you can defend it.

Know what you need to do to defend the things God has made you steward of. The delegated Authority of Jesus is sufficient for this defence of what God has given you to be steward of.

Not to defend what you are steward of is disobedience to God. If you do not defend it Satan can damage it, destroy it or take it from you.

Remember! Satan's purpose is to destroy what you are steward of so that it cannot be used by The Kingdom of God.

Trials

God allows trials for three purposes:

To show Satan we are worthy of the ministry God has called us too or are doing at that time. This is when Satan is allowed to test us usually in a way that tests us too out limits maturing us and preparing us for a ministry.

To mature us to a greater level so God can use us more

To draw us back to the path we were on prepared by God from before creation but have now diverted off. Repentance of our wrong activity or attitude is necessary attitude for this to occur.

Only as we endure and fulfil the test God is putting us through will we be matured and prepared the way He needs us to be for the ministry He is preparing us for. When we pass the trials that do this for us, Jesus will declare before Satan that we are worthy of what He is to give to us to do and Satan will not be able to complain about our ministry authority.

Trials are a sign of His Love for us so that we should never complain about the trials we are going through. To do so is to doubt His Love.

Preparation for heaven

Life is not just service to God. Through this service and the trials associated with them, God prepares us for life in heaven with Him. We need to develop on earth the attitudes we will have in heaven as part of the preparation for living in heaven.

In heaven you no longer need to demonstrate the authority of The Kingdom of God over Satan and his works. What is left is how you demonstrated the love of God to others.

So on earth, the primary lesson is on how to demonstrate God's type of love to God and others. The authority of The Kingdom being just one of the ways you demonstrate God's type of Love in you as you use it to minister to others.

How do they live in heaven?

All is driven by love for Jesus and each other and each serve each other in love. Speaking no harsh or rejecting words and finding nothing too trivial or humbling for the purposes of serving another.

There is respect for each other and there is no race or social hierarchical structure. All are equal in ministry, whether male or female. No one is in control of another but mentor them and serve them in the way Jesus asks them to serve the other.

This is our pattern for ministry upon earth and relating in the way God desires us to relate to each other.

God owns everything in heaven so there is no ownership of things or a striving to own things. All are stewards of all that is in heaven as well as what God gives them specifically to be stewards of and they gladly give to another something they are steward of when God says to do so.

We need to serve here as they do in heaven if we are to prepare here for our life in heaven.

God loves you as you are

God is a God of Love. If He did not love you as you are He would be a hypocrite.

He knows your potential and seeks to develop you so that you will reach it and be the Citizen of the Kingdom that you are able to be.

It is ironic that, when in a trial, He seems so far away and uninvolved. But He is honing you and using the circumstances to make you a better and a more useful citizen of His Kingdom.

The Christian life is really God helping you to reach your full potential as a citizen of the Kingdom, to prepare you even for a better life in eternity with Him.

The mark of a Christian is that in every thing they do, they demonstrate God's type of Love.

Your life objective, should be to know the Will of The King, Jesus, and to carry it out in His quality of Love.

This will result in the maintenance of your salvation relationship with Jesus and The Father as well as your continual maturing and preparation for life in heaven.

When you look at the visions of hell Jesus has given people you will see Jesus point out many in hell who called themselves Christians, But who did not do what Jesus required of them.

To be a follower of a person you must practice what they teach as well as do what they require of you.

Unless you are doing wholeheartedly or at Least wholeheartedly trying to do what Jesus requires of you. Then you are not following Jesus and will suffer the fate of all those that do not follow Jesus.

Guidance

The Bible says:

Rom 8:14(CEV) Only those people who are led by God's Spirit are his children.

This means you are able to be guided by The Holy Spirit. God is a personal God so this guidance has to be personal or God is asking us to be His children without telling us what we need to do to follow Him. It cannot be generic guidance as is found in Biblical principles but individually tailored to each one of us so that God can guide us in our individual circumstances.

We are told in John 16:13 that The Spirit will help us and give us answers to all our problems

(CEV) The Spirit shows what is true and will come and guide you into the full truth. The Spirit doesn't speak on his own. He will tell you only what he has heard from me, and he will let you know what is going to happen.

If God did not tell us how to solve our problems so that they are solved in the way He desire it to be we could not be a follower of His as we would not be led by The Holy Spirit.

As all life's circumstances are not identical we need to be led by The Holy Spirit to deal with the subtle changes in events and not just apply a legalistic answer that has worked in the past. This is why The Spirit needs to lead us in all circumstances and not just when He feels like it which is why we need to learn how to hear The Holy Spirit as we go through our daily life.

Some basic concepts

'J' is for Jesus

Unless you know and understand who Jesus is and what He has done for then you, you will not strive to keep Him Lord and do His Will, develop the Salvation relationship you have with Him or even desire to keep your salvation.

Jesus came to reconcile you to God and to restore you to the original relationship mankind had with God in the Garden of Eden. This is why salvation is a relationship and not just a singular event or an act such as "inviting Jesus into your heart." You are transferred from Satan's Kingdom to God's Kingdom when you voluntarily accept Jesus as your King (Lord) and are then able to enter into an intimate relationship with Him and The Father (John 17:3).

Jesus did all that was required at Calvary to enable you to do your part to enter in and keep this relationship, as well as to secure for eternity what He has promised you. He is the Author and Finisher of your faith (the one who makes it possible then provides all you need to mature in your faith till you reach heaven and His presence and then maintains you there). You enter this relationship by voluntarily declaring that Jesus is your Lord and God and accepting Him as such in your life. You also accept all He taught and did at Calvary as well as the facts of His Incarnation and Resurrection.

You maintain this relationship by living, as He requires you to live, as a citizen of the Kingdom of God. This is how you keep your salvation. In essence, salvation is worked out on an ongoing basis by fulfilling your role as a citizen of The Kingdom of God and through your obedience allowing Him to continue the work He started in you when you were translated (by The Father) into The Kingdom of Light.

If you do not obey Jesus you can lose your salvation (Rev 3:5). He will blot out your Name from His book of Life.

Out of love for Jesus, you should try and think as He does and do as He would do toward others, to love them as He loves them, putting their needs before your own, being directed by The Holy Spirit in all these things (especially ministry). This means you only meet the needs of those Jesus wants you to meet or you could be hindering His purposes for them.

Love, however, never does for another what they should be doing for themselves; unless, they are unable to do it, Jesus has directed you to do it or they need help in doing it.

The two 'W's

God has given you two witnesses to what The Father and Jesus has done for you. Both of them are given to help you develop your relationship with The Father and Jesus, as well as to help you know who and what you are in Jesus and what is required of you as a citizen of the Kingdom of God.

These two Witnesses are:

The Witness of The Word (His Bible)

The Witness of The Holy Spirit (your guide and teacher)

Both of these are a necessary part of the life of a citizen of The Kingdom who truly desire to relate to and serve their King in the way He desires them to do. Both witness to the Authority of Jesus and The Fathers' plans for you.

The Word purifies you as you meditate on it and as it resides in you. The Word also moulds you to be like your King. There is much The Word does and a study on The Word and its effects on people is worth consideration. Remember what God says about it:

2Ti 3:16-17 All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching the truth, rebuking error, correcting faults, and giving instruction for right living, so that the person who serves God may be fully qualified and equipped to do every kind of good deed.

The Holy Spirit in you marks you as belonging to Jesus and guides and empowers you to do what the King (Jesus) wants. He also instructs you in the things of The Kingdom as well as guides you when The Word is silent or unclear in the situation in which you find yourself.

Both of these witnesses need to be in place in your life, actively moulding you to the image of your King, in order for you, as a citizen, to witness to and serve effectively The Kingdom of God. When these two witnesses are in place in your life, they will display the Kingdom of God through your life with power and authority. The sick will be healed, the prisoners will be released from the bondage of the enemy (Satan), and people will be drawn to Jesus by the quality of your life so you can tell them of what Jesus has done for you.

The seven-fold anointing of The Messiah will be upon you and your God-given ministry:

It is the anointing to release people from the oppression of the enemy,

It is the anointing to set the captives free,

It is the anointing to proclaim liberty,

It is the anointing to declare the year of the Lord,

It is the anointing to preach good news,

It is the anointing to deliver people from enemy attacks

It is the anointing to set the spiritually blind free.

The two ministries of The Lord is mentioned in Isaiah 61:1-2. These verses were quoted by Jesus at the start of His Ministry to the disciples as the evidences of His activities being those of The Messiah (Luke 4:18-19). Remember that these seven anointings refer to spiritual areas, but their outward workings will be seen in the physical realm as demonic bondages are removed and healing and restoration occurs. One who is a mature 'son of God' works in all these areas.

The work of Jesus before He died can be summarized as follows:

Proclaim and demonstrate the Gospel of The Kingdom in power and glory. Teach about the Kingdom of God, Heaven and the King's requirements of His citizens (and their rewards).

The training others to carry on the ministry He started of witnessing to the Power and Authority of The Kingdom of which He is Lord and King of;

Mat 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

Your life should reflect the two 'W's, and you should know them so well that they should become a natural expression in all you do. If you do not know them, you cannot express them. If you do not know what God teaches, you cannot express His Rule in your life and teach others these things. If you do not know the Holy Spirit you can neither be led by Him in all you do, nor can He express through you the gifts you have been given so that you can serve as Jesus desires you too and not as you think you should.

The Three 'P's

God's Protection, God's Provision, God's Providence.

God loves everyone and desires that all will be saved from the kingdom of darkness. He sustains the evil people in this world in the hope they will repent. Your response to this Love determines whether you spend eternity with Him or in hell with His enemy. You are also to love people with the same quality of Love as He does even though you may not like or approve of what they do. This also includes enemies and relatives you do not like etc.

His Protection

As a citizen of His Kingdom, He protects you from harm as long as you obey Him and have not removed any part of yourself from His Kingdom. You remove parts of yourself from His Kingdom through knowingly disobeying Jesus, because of your having an incorrect attitude in an area of your life so that He is not lord of it or, through wilfully sinning, rejecting His Lordship in an area. Admitting the sin, repenting and giving the area to Him restores this part of you to the Kingdom of God and to His Protection once again.

Anything not given to Jesus can be attacked by Satan. Anything given to Jesus to be Lord of cannot be attacked by Satan successfully because you do not want what he offers, unless God allows the attack for the purpose of your spiritual maturity.

In a sense, Lordship and its resultant obedience is your protection as Satan cannot get you to accept anything of his so that you will not sin. For you to sin you must accept and do what Satan suggests you do.

His Provision

Satan will try to have you doubt God's Love and Provision. If he can do this then you will doubt Mat 6:33 and not wholeheartedly seek Jesus and His Will because in your heart you doubt His Love for you so that you have difficulty trusting Him.

The basis of obedience is Love to God, out of appreciation for what He has done for you, and if Satan can get you to doubt God's Love your obedience will be incomplete. Your faith will be uncertain at times because you are not sure God loves you enough to do what you need or that He may not be working for what is best for you.

God provides for all the needs of every living person which includes what you need to minister to Him and for Him (Matt 6:33). You serve Jesus and your first service is to Him and then as He directs to others. If you do not seek His Will you will not do His Perfect Will as a steward of all the He has given you to care for on His behalf. As a result you will expend time and energy on things Jesus does not want you to do because you should not be a steward of them to have to look after them.

You do not need to sin to hinder or stop the work of God. Satan has persuaded many Christians to do what is second best for God and not do what He actually wants them to do. By this Satan hinders or stops the work of God. This is why you should always ensure that what you are doing is what God desires you to do and is not what you have reasoned you should be doing.

There are three levels in this provision of God and each lower level is included in and necessary for the subsequent levels.

In ascending levels these are:

Your basic needs to exist as a person and know the salvation He offers (for non-Christians)

Your additional needs in order to serve Him (for Christians who want to serve Him)

Your rewards for serving Him (For His faithful servants)

These areas affect your life on Earth as well as your future life in eternity, in Heaven (which is just a continuation of the relationship with, and service to Jesus, you have now on earth).

Are there rewards for service in heaven? The Bible is silent but there is a principle that exists in Gal 6:7-8 and Heb 11:6 that service will result in rewards of some sort. Not necessarily the type of rewards you know on earth. But then serving others in heaven is not done for reward but out of love for the person and Jesus and this is the attitude we need to cultivate on earth so that we are prepared for heaven. This attitude is developed more and more as we appreciate more and more the Love of Jesus for us and what He has done for us.

Remember that Salvation is a reward resulting from faithful obedience to Jesus and this alone should make the struggles of The Christian life all worth while.

His Providence

His Providence means He controls all things for His purposes and for your good and that all that happens is for your best (Genesis 50:20, Jer 29:11, Romans 8:28).

God is Love, and this is the basis for evaluating all He does to you and for you. Any other evaluation of His motives results in complaining and thanklessness and causes you to question His Love for you as well as to bring His Love and Character into disrepute. By this you call God a liar!

This is why you are told to be always thankful for whatever happens, even though you cannot see God's Purposes in them at the time, as what happens is an expression of His love for you, and you should be grateful for that.

Remember, His plans are more important than your plans. You cannot fully understand the plans of the mind of God with your finite mind, so you should not question them. Questioning the ways of God does not give you understanding and may even make you more negative toward His workings in your life (Isaiah 55:8,9 and Deuteronomy 29:29). It also implies He does not know what He is doing. He will always tell you what you need to know. The rest you do not need to worry about.

So called secret knowledge is of Satan. If God wants you to know something He will tell you (Duet 29:29, Jn 7:17).

The four 'R's

They are: relationships, rights, responsibilities and rewards (for carrying out your citizenship roles and responsibilities correctly). Salvation is a relationship that gives you certain rights, responsibilities and rewards.

Relationships: You relate to: God

God The Father

As an adopted child

As a citizen of His Kingdom

As a worshipper

A beneficiary of His Love

God The Son (Jesus)

As your Lord (King) As your Saviour

As your redeemer

As your Friend

As part of His family (Step brother or Step sister)

God The Holy Spirit

As a student of His

As His temple (a vehicle of His in this world)

As your Guide and Comforter

As your Empowerer

Others

Inside or outside your family

Those under your authority (You serve them) Those in authority over you (You obey them)

People you are sent to minister too (serve and mentor them)

People sent to minister to you (we submit to them only for the period God has sent them to minister to us sp God can use them for the purpose for which He has sent them to you)

Ourselves

Your Spirit: to keep it in harmony with The King and His Kingdom

Your heart: so that it is continuously focused on the things of Jesus

Your soul (mind): to keep it sound and focused on The Kingdom

Your flesh: to discipline so Satan cannot use it

Your body: to keep it fit for the work of The Kingdom

Rights:

To serve God and then, as directed by Him, His citizens and others

To expect the support and protection of The King as you serve Him

To approach the King and expect a hearing

To have your needs met so you can serve Him as He desires you too

All the rights you have as an heir of Salvation

These rights are gifts granted by The King because of your relationship to Him and not because of anything you have done to make you worthy to receive these gifts. They are an expression of His Love and Grace towards you.

Responsibilities:

To serve and represent The King as He directs you too

To defend the King, His Will (desires, rules and laws), His Name (His Character) and His Kingdom. Jesus builds His kingdom but we must be available to go wherever He wants and do whatever He asks of us so He can use us in this task.

To be good stewards of what The King has entrusted you with (relationships, knowledge, things He desires you to be steward of on His behalf)

To do your part in the salvation relationship and develop it as He asks you to through wholehearted obedience to His requirements of you.

To love others and yourself as He loves you and everyone else

Remember that ministry is first to God. Then He will tell you when, where, how and in what way He wants you to serve Him but has the right not to tell you why you are serving Him that way. It is wrong to talk about 'our' ministry. We, as citizens of the Kingdom, do not have our own ministry. What we do have is service to the King and then to others as directed by our King. This means you minister/serve as He directs you too and uses this to teach you and mould you in an area. This is the way He matures you into His image (Character) so you can be like Him in thought and action.

We really only have one ministry and that is to our King, Jesus. All Kingdom ministry to others is a result of this.

God Given Rewards (Ga1 6:7,8):

Being in His eternal presence with Him in heaven and beyond

His eternal provision for your needs: now, in heaven and beyond

Rewards in Heaven (including a place to live in with Him for ever)

Rewards of additional spiritual responsibility (promotion on earth) and the resultant appropriate empowerment

The rewards of an heir of Salvation

The Basic Message is expression of God's quality of Love in all you do

I asked The Holy Spirit what was the chief message of this document (and indeed of the whole Christian life). He said that God is Love and everything He does is a result of His Love. Satan tries to make you fearful (negate your understanding of God's Love toward you) or to distract or deceive you so that you cannot see or appreciate God's Love or Purposes for you. He tries to damage you so God cannot use you for His purposes.

If Satan can deceive you about God or distract you from His Will, then you will start to do things which Satan can use to take you further away from God, such as discontent, worry, anxiety, complaining and fear. So, the message God wanted to convey in this section is that He is Love and everything He does toward you is Love. You should not fear what happens as God's Love is in control.

It is this love that drives you to the two ministries of guiding people from Satan's realm to God's (salvation) then being used to deliver them from the things Satan has placed on them (deliverance ministry),

Examples of God's Love are:

Sending Jesus to teach you His requirements, then having Him die for each one of you so you could be reconciled with God and relate to God and become citizens of His Kingdom with all the benefits that flow from this citizenship.

Providing all you need to obey and serve Him as well as to live as He requires you too

Accepting you into His Spiritual Kingdom (and Heaven) Delivering you from the kingdom of darkness and its effects on you as well as from the fate of its citizens

Taking you to Heaven when you die to a place He has prepared for you

Testing you through trials (which are a sign of His love) to mature you into His Image (of His Character) and to prove to Satan that He is correct in the way Jesus rewards you and gives you authority over Satan.

In Mercy, Punishing/Correcting/Chastising you to turn you from error, rather than destroying or crippling you so that you cannot do anything

Giving you the privilege of serving Him

Taking a personal interest in you to develop you to the fullest potential you allow Him too so you can live as He requires you to live on earth and prepare you through this to live in heaven.

Giving you The Holy Spirit, to help you to do your part in all these things, as well as much more.

All that God does is an expression of His Grace toward you.

How Should His Love affect us?

You need to love others as God loves them. It is a command (Jn. 13:34-35) so there is no choice in this. There is no escape clause or other way out of this commandment. It must be obeyed! Deliberately not doing so can result in loss of salvation.

You must understand God's type of Love shown to yourself and others as then you will be able to love as He loves.

Remember that there is only one type of Love and that its physical expression is what is different which depends on culture and the relationship it is being expressed in.

You need to trust God's Love and express this through the principles of Mat 6:33 that, as you, through faith seek a deeper relationship with Him and the expansion of His Kingdom through your unquestioned obedience to His Will, He will provide all you need to do His work and show His love towards others in all you do.

The mission statement of Jesus was as follows:

(Luk 4:18-21) The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, *This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.*

His example was as follows (Matthew 4:23):

And Jesus went about all Galilee,
teaching in their synagogues,
and preaching the gospel of the kingdom,
delivering people from the effects of Satan on them
and healing all manner of **sickness** (short term sickness)
and all manner of **disease** among the people (long term chronic).

This is what our objective should be:

The last words of Jesus to His people can be summarized as follows: "*All power (authority) is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations I have risen,

Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have com- manded you

And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in My name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe;

In my name shall they cast out devils;

They shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents;

And if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover

And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

These actions will be observable in the life of a follower of Jesus as an expression of God's quality of Love in them working through them to others.

Obedience to Jesus will result in The Kingdom of God manifesting in and through our lives and we will demonstrate it as He commanded us too in Mark 16:17-18. Jesus said the signs in these verses would be performed by His followers:

They shall cast out devils;

They shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents;

And if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them;

They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover

They will show God's quality of love in all they do

Remember that evangelism is really telling people what Jesus has done for people in the kingdom of Satan to deliver them from this kingdom as well as how He has affected your life as a result of your accepting what He has done for you.

If you love others with the same quality of Love that Jesus Loves them with you will go and tell others what He has done for them so they can enjoy what you have received as a result of your accepting what He has done for you. To not do these shows you are hypocritical or fearful and need training and/or deliverance to do these things.

Conclusion

To become a follower of Jesus will cost you all that you have but in return you will gain riches unimaginable in heaven after your physical death.

The Christian life is a choice you make. It is up to you to maintain it and express it in the way God desires you to express it. God will help you as much as you let Him, but ultimately what happens to you is a result of the choices you will make.

Choose wisely because you are in hell an awfully long time if you deliberately make the wrong choices.

1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.