

The Basics of The Christian Life

Being Core Attitudes necessary for the Christian life.

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This document discusses knowledge or activities a Christian need to know and practice if they desire to live like Jesus requires them to live. They also need new appreciations of:

Who God is

Who Jesus is

What God has done for them through Jesus

Their role in these things.

Purpose of This document

The purpose of this booklet is to give a basic understanding of essentials necessary to live the Christian life and a little background to why you become a Christian.

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You are redundant

God is complete in Himself and does not need you for anything. So why did He make you. He did not need too.

He made you for all the good things He could do for you because of His Love for you as a result of the relationship He desired to have with you. This Love is behind everything He does for you and is the reason we have a Gospel.

God did not need to do what was necessary for us to be able to relate to Him but did so.

This is the essence of The Gospel. That God loved us so much that inspite of our rebellion and rejection of Him He died for us so we could once again have the perfect relationship we had with Him in the beginning.

A Basic Gospel

The Gospel must be explained from a Kingdom perspective or it loses its basis.

God is complete in Himself; He does not need us.

He made mankind so they could relate to him and live with Him in the perfect environment He made for them

This is why the Bible begins and ends with man in a perfect relationship with God and in a perfect place to live in and all in between is God trying to get man t o heaven to be with Him.

Man rebelled against God and rebellion against God is rebellion against a King and the punishment for Rebellion against a King is death.

Man was thrown out of the garden into the earth the only other place he could go. He lost his relationship with God and was going to die because he lost the perfect body He originally had been given by God.

God saw that man could not meet the requirements for the restoration of the relationship they had had with God. It was an infinite offence Because it was against an infinite God and required an infinite payment which only God could do.

Every time they desired to approach God people had to sacrifice an animal which died in their place.

God realised He was the only one who could die and meet the requirements of the sacrifices God had made for people to approach Him because He alone was infinite and was able to make the infinite sacrifice required.

So Jesus came to earth as a person so that He could tell us what God required of us then died to pay the penalty required By God for us to be able to approach Him.

Because of the sacrifice of Jesus removing every obstacle that prevented us approaching God we can now approach God whenever we want to or need to. It also means that if we live the life God requires of us when we die we will go to heaven and live in the perfect environment God has made for us so it will be like it was in the beginning when mankind walked with God in a close, personal relationship in the perfect environment prepared for them by God.

The two relationships in John 17:3

(CEV) Eternal life is to know you, the only true God, and to know Jesus Christ, the one you sent.

The word 'know' does not mean just knowledge of but means an intimate knowledge of.

There are two relationships in the Christian life:

With Jesus as Lord of the earth and of the universe

With The Father as His adopted child which means Jesus is your spiritual step brother and every other Christian is a spiritual step brother or sister.

The Holy Spirit is our guide to carry out these relationships correctly.

Service to Jesus should be out of Love for our step brother because of the relationship we have with Him as and adopted child of The Father guided by The Holy Spirit ad not fear of hell.

So we serve Jesus out of Love for Him and not fear of punishment and so promote His Will in all we do. The Christian life then becomes an expression of the love relationship we have with Jesus and The Father.

The Salvation Relationship

The salvation relationship is not a master/servant one like demons have or King/Citizen of God, but one of a child to their Father, because He has adopted us. Because of this adoption you automatically become a citizen of The Kingdom of God.

It is a love relationship and all that properly occurs in the relationship is based on love.

So, it is not primarily a role as a citizen of The Kingdom of God but as a member of God's Family.

So what are the parts of a relationship?

Primarily it results in spending time with them, doing things with them because you love them and enjoy their company:

You spend time with them and share what is on your heart with them

You serve each other out of love and not because you have to

You encourage each other and help each other and promote their things (work)

You express your love for them in all you do with and for them.

There is an intimacy and according to the degree of the relationship will be its depth

When you are with them you are happy and even joyful at times

You pray for each other and with each other.

On earth (the physical realm) its deepest sense is in marriage. In the spiritual realm the deepest expression is in our relationship with God as part of His family.

The promise of God's provision in Matt 6:33 is a result of our desire to serve God out of love for Him and not because we are ministering as a citizen of His Kingdom. We minister as a citizen of His Kingdom because we love Him not because we have to.

We minister for the purposes of His Family (which we belong to) of which His Kingdom is a part of this.

Everything we do in our Christian life reflects our Love for Him and His family. Our obedience and service is a result of our love for The Father and Jesus and not because we have to serve them.

This is why you need to ask The Father what His Will is when it is not clear in The Bible so you know how to serve Him and The Kingdom of God and promote this family enterprise."

Eternal life Relationships

In John 17:3 we are told that eternal life is a relationship with Jesus and The Father.

Why is the Holy Spirit not mentioned? There is nothing left to rule but hell and that belongs to Satan so He has been given care of the true church on earth which is why it is so important to be able to hear His advice.

The relationship with Jesus as your Lord occurs when you are saved and become a citizen of The Kingdom of God. When you are redeemed you are able to enter heaven and enter into a relationship with Your Father in heaven. This happens when you are saved by accepting Jesus as your Lord, and Jesus becomes your spiritual step brother because you belong to The Father's Family.

Rom 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

As Salvation and redemption occur at the same time these two relationships are entered into at the same time. This is why there are two relationships to eternal life. There are two sets of obedience to obey – citizen of The Kingdom of God and an adopted child of The Father – so there are two different relationships to develop.

The part of The Holy Spirit is to be a guide to people to be able to live as these relationships require. This is why you must be led (guided) by The Holy Spirit in all you do.

The world around you is ruled by Satan and its purpose is to lead you away from these relationships with God so The Holy Spirit has been given to guide you to avoid the snares the world (Satan's world system) places in front of you.

These relationships are necessary because The Christian life is an expression of these relationships being correctly observed and expressed in your life. The Holy Spirit is the counsellor God has given to us to guide us and you ignore a wise counsellor to your hurt.

So you need to learn how to carry out these three relationships which is not taught by the church because Satan has subtly guided preaching so that they do not teach:

How to live as a citizen of The Kingdom of God

How to live as an adopted child of The Father

How to clearly hear The Holy Spirit and be guided by Him as you go through your daily life.

Learning these things should be a priority in your daily life if you desire to go to heaven.

The Father provides every good thing we have and has His angels help you

The Lord Jesus governs and protects you and what He has made you steward of and has given you His delegated authority so you can overcome the temptations of Satan and defeat him and his plans

The Holy Spirit teaches, guides and empowers you to live The Christian life in the way God desires you to live it and uses the life He has given you on earth to prepare you for heaven as He teaches you how to minister and relate to people through it.

It is important to learn how to live these relationships if you desire to correctly relate to each member of the Trinity.

The Christian life is all about relationships. When you die all you take to heaven is relationships and what you did with them on earth.

How do you relate to God?

You relate to each member of God, like you would relate to any person.

You spend time with them talking too and listening to them individually

You serve them and help them through obedience to their wishes

The more intimate the relationship with them the more you reveal of yourself to them.

This is why you need to talk and listen to Jesus, The Father and The Holy Spirit as you go through the day and share your joy and problems with them and show your thankfulness to them for all they do for you.

The Christian life is then the expression of your love relationship with The Father and Jesus guided by The Holy Spirit and you serve Jesus out of love and not fear of punishment endeavouring to help your spiritual step brother in His work on earth.

The Core Attitudes of the Christian life

Faith

Lordship

Holiness

Stewardship

God's Quality of Love

These are the foundational areas of the Christian life on which all else is an expression of.

Through faith we believe in whom God is and our relationship to Him

This results in a Lordship decision

We practice holiness to maintain this Lordship relationship

We are good stewards of what our King asks us to look after for Him as an expression of our love for Him and Lordship relationship with Him.

Love is the basis of all we do and it is because we love our King, we obey Him and do His will. We serve Jesus not just because He is our Lord but primarily out of love for Him as our spiritual step brother. Love is the ultimate expression of our relationship with Him and indeed our life is an expression of our attitude to this love relationship.

Faith

Foundational attitude

Without faith none of the other attitudes will occur

You must trust completely in The Bible about what it says whom God is and what He has done and said and will do for you (Rom 10:17)

Must be a complete trust in your relationship with God and His Love and stewardship of you

(My book on faith <http://nevillesalvetti.com/lovefaith.pdf>)

Lordship

You make Him Lord because of who He is and what He has done for you and what you believe He will do for you. In other words because of the Love He has shown, is showing and will show for you

If your focus is on Him and his things they will not be on Satan and his things and Satan will not successfully persuade you rebel against God (sin)

Jesus is Lord so what He says to do must be done or you have become your own God and idol

Obedience is out of Love for what He has done for you and because He is also family, your spiritual step brother

Holiness

Holiness is an attitude that rejects all Satan throws at a person either in direct temptation or through the people or environment Satan has placed around them

The person's focus is solely on Jesus and His Will for them

Holiness results from complete obedience to the Will of God for you and desire to be like Him

It is an expression of trust in all that God asks you to do

(My book on Holiness <http://nevillesalvetti.com/holiness.pdf>)

Stewardship

God is steward of all the universe (including us) and is our example of stewardship -He maintains a whole universe properly

If we Love God, we will care for His things

We will care for His Kingdom and its people – helping and defending these things

It is required of stewards that they are faithful to their calling (Behind every sin is a lack of love (or indifference to a need) and wrong stewardship)

(My book on Stewardship <http://nevillesalvetti.com/stewardship.pdf>)

Love

God is Love

It expresses His character in us as we express it to others

By expressing His character, we worship Him

Love does not do for another what it should be doing for themselves

(See my book on faith)

Obedience

Should be a natural expression of our Love for God and not legalistic obedience because you are afraid of Him

It worship of Him by showing He is worthy to be obeyed

Obedying Him always results in what is best for you (we must believe Romans 8:28, Heb 11:6))

It brings rewards in heaven because God appreciates our obedience – and not because we deserve it having done only what we are required to do for Him as His servant

Worship

You worship someone because you believe they are worthy of your worship

If you believe God is who He says He is in The Bible you will worship Him

It is an act of Love and not legalism

If it is forced it is not an act of worship but of compulsion and love has no part in it

(My book on Glory and Worship <http://nevillesalvetti.com/gloryworship.pdf>)

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a natural appreciation of love for and of a person who has helped you in some way

If it is forced it is not thanksgiving but compulsion and love has no part in it

It should be a natural expression of appreciation for all God has done for you

If we believe God is behind all the good that we are given, or that happens to us or He allows to happen then we will always be thanking Him for whatever happens – good or bad

The Last commands of Jesus

Before He ascended Jesus gave the following commands to His Disciples and not just to His apostles:

The first command was for His followers to go into the world (Satan's system and kingdom on earth) and tell people the good news of what He had done for them.

Mar 16:15 And he said to them, "Go to the entire world and preach my Good News in all creation."

Those who would knowingly identify with Him would be publicly baptised to show this.

Mar 16:16 Whoever believes and is baptised has life, and whoever does not believe is condemned.

They would demonstrate the Authority of The Kingdom to show it and Jesus and Satan were real. They would speak in languages that was foreign to them (we call tongues). The only example of this in The Bible is Peter speaking in his own language and being understood by those around them who did not speak his language. What passes as tongues these days does not have an example in The Bible.

Mar 16:17 But these signs will accompany these who believe: in my name they will cast out demons, and they will speak in new languages.

They would be protected from harm by Jesus and this would be a further demonstration that He and His Kingdom were real and that they were His servants. They would further demonstrate The Kingdom and Jesus being real through their being used by Him to heal sick people who would not otherwise have been healed by the medicine they had at that time or today.

Mar 16:18 And they will take up snakes, and if they should drink lethal poison, it will not harm them, and they will place their hands on the sick and they will be healed.

Modern Bibles do not have these verses in them or imply they were not in the original. This is a lie as it was in them but were removed before these Greek texts were released to the public.

Telling of what Jesus has done for them (evangelism) is warfare as it fights the lies of Satan.

Casting out demons in the delegated Authority Jesus has given you is spiritual warfare as it removes people from his kingdom.

Preaching The Kingdom and Who Jesus is and being understood by others who do not know your language (tongues) is warfare as it fights the lies of the enemy and demonstrates Jesus and His Kingdom are real.

His supernatural protection would be seen in those who did these things once again demonstrating that He and The Kingdom are real.

It can be seen that these activities of a Christian are designed to demonstrate that Jesus, His Kingdom and Satan and his demons are real.

Unless you do these things you are not a follower of Jesus unless you do not I know you need to do them. If you know about them and deliberately not do them then you are not doing what Jesus said in The Bible and are in rebellion until you repent and at least learn know to do them.

Remember that modern bibles lie about these things not being in the original Greek texts. So are doing these things when Jesus commands you to do or are you not demonstrating that He and His Kingdom are real?

Each second of the day you are in spiritual warfare.

When you obey Jesus and resist the temptations Satan places on you, you are defending the Lordship of Jesus in your life and His Kingdom values.

When you go out and evangelise and fight Satan you are expanding the Kingdom and His influence.

As you do these things you are developing the personal salvation relationship you have with Jesus and The Father,

It is all based on Love for Jesus. He said:

Joh 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

He also said that we were His friends and family if we obeyed Him.

Serving Jesus is not done out of legalism – in otherwords He is Lord, obey Him or be punished- but out of love for your spiritual step brother so that you desire to help Him in His maintaining His Kingdom and doing its work which is also the work of Your Father in heaven whom you also love!

How to present Jesus - These are important.

There various other methods to present the Gospel to people:

Tracts, adds or letterbox drops can reach people you do not meet.

Evangelism – gospel presentation to the masses

Personal gospel presentation

Witness by Life – what God is doing in your life and has done in your life

You must be a good steward of your evangelistic responsibilities.

LORD, n.

1. A master; a person possessing supreme power and authority; a ruler; a governor.

*7. In scripture, the Supreme Being; Jehovah. When Lord, in the Old Testament, is prints in capitals, it is the translation of **JEHOVAH**, and so might, with more propriety, be rendered. The word is applied to Christ, Psa 110. Col 3. and to the Holy Spirit, 2 Th 3. As a title of respect, it is applied to kings, Gen 40. 2 Sam 19. to princes and nobles, Gen 42. Dan 4. to a husband, Gen 18. to a prophet, 1 Ki 18. 2 Ki 2. and to a respectable person, Gen 24. Christ is called the Lord of glory, 1 Cor 2. and Lord of lords, Rev 19.*

LORD, v.i. *To domineer; to rule with arbitrary or despotic sway; sometimes followed by over, and sometimes by it, in the manner of a transitive verb.*

The King determines everything in His kingdom and people must obey or it is rebellion and thus treason. So it is important to know your relationship and responsibilities to your King, Jesus!

The Covenant Relationship

When we accept Christ as our Saviour, we enter into a covenant relationship with God and the body of Christ.

The thing about a covenant is this: Covenants require two parties and a covenant assumes that both parties will assume and carry out the responsibilities that make that covenant valid.

If one party ceases to carry out their part of the covenant, it makes the covenant unstable.

Our primary responsibility is to carry out our side of this covenant relationship which means we need to know what our responsibilities are under this relationship.

It also requires a change of heart and a new spirit so that He can be our God and we can carry out our side of the covenant (Which God gives us 2 Cor 5:17)!

The Natural man cannot relate to God in the way he needs too until He follows Jesus as His Lord and has The Holy Spirit in Him to guide Him in this.

So we need to look at what God requires us to do!

The basic command is to love Him and others with the same quality of love with which He loves us. All else flows from this attitude. The basic attitude is faith and acceptance of whom He says He is and then to love as He requires us too.

A sign of our love for Him is to keep His commandments.

So He stated the Great Commission as His last command to us. It is an expression of His Love for the lost and so we too should also have the same love He has for those going to hell.

He also said to be holy and to give the government what is required by you to do if it does not contravene His commands.

So it is important to know what God requires of you.

Obedience to Jesus is a result of our love for Him and the Christian life is the expression of our love relationship we have with Jesus and The Father guided by The Holy Spirit.

At the moment we need the attitudes of faith, hope and love. Faith in God, Who He is, what He has done and what He has promised to do for us.

Hope in the promises He has given t us

Love to Him and all to show we are a child of The Father.

In heaven faith and hope are fulfilled so that only love is left. This shows the importance of learning to love as Jesus loves which will not be easy as it means denying self and fighting the demons that try and stop you expressing God's Quality of Love to others.

The degree and quality of your love for Jesus will determine how much He is your Lord and the degree to which you will obey Him. Only if He is Lord of all your will do you go to heaven.

He expects you to give to Him all you know you have so to not deliberately give Him and area of your life will mean He is not your Lord and you will go to hell when you die.

Worship by Life

As you seek to be holy in all you do your attitude is one of unwavering obedience to the Lordship of Jesus. This is an act of worship as by this attitude you are declaring He is worthy to be obeyed.

Accordingly, a life of holiness is a life of continual worship to Jesus and by this is also a life that brings continual Glory to God by demonstrating He is to be praised, worshipped and obeyed because of who He is and because of the works He does through your obedience and holiness to Him.