

## **God's Amazing Love**

God is complete in Himself and does not need us.

We are irrelevant to His needs.

He did not need to make or give us life. But He did

He did not need to place us in a perfect environment but He did

He did not need to have a relationship with us but He did

When man rebelled He had every right to destroy mankind. But He did not

He did not need to meet man's requirements for restoration to the relationship man originally had with God. But He did.

He did not need to be born on earth so He could teach us what was required of us. But He did.

He did not need to die in our place to meet God's requirement for restoration. But He did.

He did not need to delegate Authority to us so we could stand against His enemy. But He did

He does not need to provide for our needs on earth and protect us. But He does.

He did not need to give us The Holy Spirit to help us live and serve Him as He requires us to do. But He did.

He does not need to provide a heavenly place for us to live in after death. But He does.

He does not need to have a relationship with us in this place. But He desires it.

He does not need to give us eternal life there and meet all our needs there. But He does.

He does not need to Love us as He does. But he does because He places such a high value on the relationship He has with you.

He does not need to do these things but He does.

How can you now doubt our Love for you

Jesus

## **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 Lordship relationship.

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

Must trust completely in The Bible about who God is and what He has done and said

(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

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

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

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 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)

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

### **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 of all God has done for you

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

### **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 printed 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 Savior, 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!

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 following as His lasts requirements of us:

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.

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.

So are doing these things when Jesus commands you to do them 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.*

Serving Jesus is not done out of legalism – in other words 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.

He also said to be holy and to give the government what is required by you to do so 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 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 altitude is one of unwavering obedience to the Lordship of Jesus. This is an act of worship as by this altitude 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 and worshipped because of who He is and because of the works He does through your obedience and holiness to Him.

### **What is Evangelism**

Unless you have a basic understanding of what the Gospel is and how God works in the life of a Christian you will have no basis to do any evangelism as you will not understand what you are presenting to the other person.

One of the greatest selling points of evangelism is how God has changed your life so you need to be able to tell people of this which means you need to look at your life and see what God has done with it which you would not have been able to do yourself

Evangelism is:

Telling others God desires a relationship with them

Telling them what Jesus did to make it possible

Telling them how to obtain it

Telling them how to maintain it

Telling them what happens after death

Telling how it is worth the struggle because of the alternative to heaven after death

Living it so people see it is worth having.

One of the main reasons God created people was for them to have a relationship with Him and for all the good things He would do for them. So evangelism is a core part of the Christian life otherwise you do not value the relationship God created people for which will affect how you relate to Him and you will not value it sufficiently to go out and tell others about it.

This is why God said you should always be ready to tell people of the hope you have in you so they can have the same relationship with Him that He has with you.

Beside what hypocrisy is it if you are going to heaven and do not tell others that they can go there also.

If you are not able to do these things then you are missing one of the purposes God Gave birth to you on this earth because the purpose of evangelism is to restore people to the relationship God originally had with mankind in The Garden.

If you love people in the way The Father Loves them then one of the main purposes of your life will be to tell people that:

### **God desires relationship with them**

He died at Calvary to make it possible

Tell them how to enter this relationship

Help them on a personal basis to maintain this relationship.

You are only required to do this when God tells you too but you should always be ready to do tell this when God makes the opportunity occur.

Meanwhile you should live a life that shows this relationship is worth having and that God is a personal God who can relate to them on a personal basis.

If you do not have on your heart the desire for people to avoid hell and know Jesus intimately then where is the Love of God in you?

What will you say to Jesus when He asks you why you did not tell people about Him when He gave you a chance too, even if it was only by what He was doing for you at that time.

### **Communion needs to be correctly celebrated**

After all you are gathered in His Name so that He is there in your presence.

There are four cups in the Passover ceremony. The last two are the 'cup of redemption' and the 'cup of completion'. Jesus did not drink the fourth cup because His work of redemption was not complete.

The fourth cup is drunk at communion celebrations to remind us we are redeemed (it is a finished work) and to be thankful to Jesus for that.

Calvary is not about salvation but about redemption. The early church was taught to give thanks to God for what Jesus did at Calvary and not focus on His sufferings.

They were taught by The Apostles to pray (I quote the Didache):

CHAPTER 9 : Eucharistic consecration 9:1 Now regarding the eucharist, give thanks in this way :

9:2 First concerning the cup :

*"We thank You, our Father,  
for the holy vine of David Your servant,  
which You made known to us through Jesus Your servant.  
To You belongs the glory for ever."*

9:3 And concerning the broken bread:

*We thank You, our Father,  
for the life and knowledge which You made  
known to us through Jesus Your servant.  
To You belongs the glory for ever."*

9:4 As this broken bread was scattered over the mountains, and was brought together to become one, so let Your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into Your Kingdom, for the glory and the power are Yours through Jesus Christ forever.

Notice there was a prayer for unity amongst all believers Jesus thought it was so important yet denominations destroy this unity. This is why any work by The Body has to be non-denominational in character.

### **Heaven is a reward not an objective**

Each day God gives us things to do. These are His objectives for which we are to wholeheartedly do if we desire to get to heaven.



It is the wholehearted trying to do these objectives that earns us the reward of heaven and not whether or not we succeed in doing them.

God looks at our heart (the reasons and attitudes for our obeying Him) and not our results.

It is Lordship correctly exercised that enables us to meet these objectives.

## **Conclusion**

2 Tim 2:2 - God's method of spreading the faith

*2Ti 2:2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.*

Unless you disciple others or are discipled and not just taught then your faith will not be as it should be.

The Christian life is the expression of the love relationship you have with Jesus and The Father. If you do not have this love relationship then examine your life as it is not as God desires it to be.