

5. Relating to People

Due to your new relationship with God, you will have a whole new relationship with people. Being a Christian is not something that you do once a week or when no one is watching. It affects your total life. The Lord is very concerned about your involvement with other people. Let's look in the Scriptures to see how God views us.

1. Read 1 Peter 2:9-11. What does the Lord now call us (verse 9)? _____

Have we always been His people (verse 10)? _____

What are we to proclaim (verse 9)? _____

We see then that there are two aspects to our dealings with people. First, there are the other members of God's family with whom we interact. We will call this aspect "Fellowship". Secondly, there are the unbelievers to who we proclaim God's message. We will call this aspect "Witnessing".

Fellowship

The word "fellowship" means sharing something with another person in a deep way. We share in the life of God.

2. Besides having fellowship with one another, who else do we have fellowship with (1 John 1:3)?

3. In the Bible, this fellowship which believers have with each other and with God is described in various ways. In 1 Corinthians 12:12-27, this relationship is called a "body". Read this passage and answer the following questions:

Whose body is it? Who is in charge (verses 12 and 27) _____

Are all the members the same (verses 14 and 17)? _____

Are you needed in the body (verse 21-26)? _____

4. What are some activities that the early believers shared in (Acts 2:42) _____

5. When we pray together, what should we keep in mind (Matthew 18:19-20)?

6. Name some actions that should accompany the Word (Colossians 3:16)? _____

7. What should we not neglect (Hebrews 10:25)? _____

8. How can we show that we are Christ's disciples (John 13:35)? _____

9. 1 John 3:18 says we should not just talk love. How should we love? _____

10. We're to especially do good to whom (Galatians 6:10)? _____

Witnessing

The truth is on trial today and God wants us to take the stand and give our testimony on behalf of Jesus. If we back this up with our lives, then we will win people over to Christ.

11. What should we be always ready to do (1 Peter 3:15)?

12. What will Jesus do if we follow Him (Matthew 4:19)?

13. What good example did Andrew give that we should follow (John 1:40-42)?

14. Read Matthew 5:14-16. What will result from being a proper witness?

15. How will Christ respond if we deny Him (Mark 8:38)?

16. James 5:20 states a goal we should keep in mind as we are a witness. Put this goal in you own words.

15. Do you have any questions, problems, or comments that you would like to share with us?



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