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## For the Love of God

When we show love for God, the word *love* has special meaning. **Loving God is showing God respect by keeping His commandments** (Deut. 7:9).

How you love the Lord God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your might, is to not do anything intentionally that would be displeasing to the Lord in your daily walk with Him (Deut. 6:5).

We all know that God is not against doing good, but He is against us doing bad, like any loving father, as He doesn't want us to hurt ourselves but only wants what is good for us. We need to care that much about ourselves, but we are unable to do so.

Our spirit continually wars against the flesh, which is the evil desire of the body. The apostle Paul explained it precisely with what he said in Romans 7:14-25 and 8:1-10.

**When our love grows and grows toward our Maker, we sin less and less because we are doing more and more good each day towards others. We feel better and better because we know we are fulfilling our purpose and demonstrating our love to God by the way we are living (Acts 26:20 NIV).** Simple isn't it? And the best part is "it works!"

It works because we work at showing love for God daily and as a result, God begins to cause

the spiritual growth in our nature that is necessary for us to become new creatures or creations in Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 3:7; Gal. 6:15). This is how God forms Jesus Christ new nature in you (Gal. 4:19).

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# For the Love of God

Now what does God command of you but to keep His commandments of love. You keep God's commandments of love by showing love to others continually. Do not bear any grudges or hard feelings against anyone. You shall not take vengeance against anyone. You shall love your neighbor as yourself (Lev. 19:18; Matt. 5:22-24).

***“Brighten the corner wherever you are. Do good towards others whoever they are.”***

Brighten the corner wherever you are. Do good towards others whoever they are. How you walk in God's commandments is to serve others; whether it be the lame, the lonely the blind or widows (James 1:27). Just show love continually

to others. That certainly is not a burdensome way to keep God's commandments is it (1 John 5:3)?

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This is how we appear to be holy and blameless before Him in love (Eph. 1:4). The whole law is fulfilled in this one statement, you shall love your neighbor as yourself (Gal. 5:14).

This is a mystery of the gospel that is known only by a few. To prove this just ask yourself, how many do you know who are fulfilling this law of love, and walking with God daily by doing so?□

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# God's People

God's people are mentioned in God's word, the Bible. They are called the people of God (Rom. 11:2; 2 Cor. 6:16; Heb. 4:9). These people were different than other people. For one thing, they were full of love, love for each other, as well as love towards all others.

***“They were disciples of God—meaning they were learning from God's word. They were students of God's word, and they studied His word on a daily basis to show themselves approved to God.”***

These people would follow the Lord wherever He would go by keeping His Ways. They did this by doing whatever their Savior instructed them to do. They kept and put into practice God's words (2 Pet. 1:10; Rom. 8:31). They were disciples of God—meaning they were learning from God's word. They were students of God's word, and they studied His word on a daily basis to show themselves approved to God (2 Tim. 2:15 KJV/AMP).

***“They were a pure people, a holy people, a blessed people on this earth. They were a light for all to see and follow.”***

Because they were so full of love towards others, they were givers! They were care-givers—caretakers of others—because they cared about people just like Jesus Christ their Savior did. They were imitating Him and, because of this, good things happened to them continually. They were called the “blessed” of God. They were constantly doing God's Will on earth as they continually performed Christ's words in their daily walk with God (Matt. 6:10). They were a pure people, a holy people, a blessed people on this earth. They were a light for all to see and follow. They were a pure people because they lived pure lives before God by being servants to others like Christ their example (Titus 1:15).

They were a holy people because they kept themselves holy by staying close to God and His word (2 Cor. 7:1; 1 Pet. 1:15). They continually practiced righteousness for God, which meant they continually practiced holiness by being humble servants of others. They were always esteeming and treating others as though they were more important than themselves (1 Cor. 10:24; Rom. 15:2-3). If someone was in need and they heard about it, they did something about it to the best of their ability (Job 31:19-20). They didn't do it out of guilt, shame or obligation, but out of service to and love for their Creator (Col. 3:17).

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God's people knew they weren't perfect, but they were constantly purifying their lives by practicing righteousness and godliness daily, towards others for God (Matt. 5:48; Ps. 106:3). They knew if they kept their hearts pure before God, their minds would stay pure and, as a result, their lives would be pure before God. Yes, these were the people of God—God's people—servants of the Most High God. They were living the words of God in their lives and, as a result, they were living words of God (1 Pet. 4:11). They made Christ's words come to life in their lives because they were living by every word of God—like Jesus did.

***“God wants you to be His people too!”***

God wants you to be His people too! All that you need to do is please Him in everything you do and bear good fruit, which is godly character on your spiritual tree (Col. 1:10; Matt. 3:10).□



# How to Be Friends of God



God wants you to be His friend like Abraham, Abel, Enoch, Moses and Noah were, along with a host of others. How were these men considered friends of His? They knew God's Ways and lived by these Ways (John 7:17). They knew how to please God daily, and they walked with God, which means they lived like God lives (John 15:14). These men did not live selfish lives but godly lives, living to serve their neighbors first—before self. They practiced doing everything right. They paid their bills and were honest in their dealings with other men. They shared what they had with others, not claiming that what they had was theirs, but theirs to share with others as gifts from God. These men did not ignore God from day to day, but rather served God from day to day by being careful not to think bad thoughts, say bad words, or do bad things. They accomplished this by forcing, training and [disciplining themselves to think good thoughts](#), say nothing but [good things with their mouths](#), and [do good continually for God with their bodies](#) (Rom. 2:7; 6:13, 18-19; Luke 16:16).

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***kindness and charity continually with no desire for recompense or reward. It is a completely unselfish love dedicated to the well-being of others.”***

God is the helper of the orphan and the widow in need. God is feet to the lame, eyes to the blind, a friend to the old, a visitor of the sick and a provider to the hungry (Job 29:12-15). God is continually engaging in acts of love towards others. God's love is outward and unselfish — performing acts of kindness and charity continually with no desire for recompense or reward. It is a completely unselfish love dedicated to the well-being of others. It is being last in line, first in service (Mark 9:35). It is putting aside selfish desires and being truly concerned with the health, welfare, and comfort of others first (Rom. 15:2-3). The fruits of the Spirit (God) are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal. 5:22-23). These fruits are obtained from God by any true follower who glorifies God daily by doing good works, all performed in the name of Jesus Christ (Matt. 5:16; Col. 3:17). This is how we let our lights shine before men.

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A person's faith is perfected by doing good works for God (James 2:22). Good works are God's Ways, bad works are Satan's or man's ways. True repentance is living a life of service to our fellow man for the glory of God (Acts 26:20 NIV).

Now, how can we imitate the Way God lives unless we study our Bibles often or on a daily basis? If we are going to live by every word of God, like Jesus Christ our example, then we cannot remain foolish regarding God's Word and

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God's Will, but we must study to show ourselves approved to God (Eph. 5:17; 2 Tim. 2:15 KJV/AMP). That's how we please God in all respects.

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God wants us to depend on Him for everything. He doesn't want us to lean on our own understanding, but put our trust entirely in Him (Prov. 3:5). He wants us to ask Him for everything in prayer and He will answer our requests because we are doing His Will daily on earth, by only practicing those things that are pleasing in His sight (John 14:14; 9:31; 1 John 3:22). If we live to please God each day, then God lives to please us each day. Does that make sense? If we make all our ways righteous or perfect, that is when our whole life begins to be blessed.

How could we possibly be holy unless we lived a holy life before God (1 Peter 1:15)? How could we possibly learn righteousness unless we practiced righteousness (1 John 3:17)? How could we possibly be good daily unless we practiced doing good daily? How could we possibly be perfect unless we have persevered for perfection, for the glory of God? Then, He Himself can perfect us (1 Peter 5:10; Heb. 12:23; Matt. 5:48)?

***“God's friends strive to enter the narrow door and continue to do good works for God, not getting weary but enduring as they keep Christ's works to the end.”***

God does good to those who are good, and in order to be good, we must do good for God to please Him (Psalm 125:4). Some think they can be good simply by not doing what is bad. They accomplish this by not doing anything worthwhile. This is not true worship of God, but it is the broad way, that God's word says the majority will travel, leading only to destruction (Matt. 7:13). The narrow Way that few find is occupied by those who persevere in doing good for God and who become zealous for what is good (Matt. 7:14). God's friends strive to enter the narrow door and continue to do good works for God, not getting weary but enduring as they keep Christ's works to the end (Luke 13:24; 2 Thess. 3:13; Rev. 2:26). Christ's works are easy to perform; they are rewarding and lead to eternal life (Matt. 11:30; John 5:29).□

# Self-righteousness or God's righteousness

What is self-righteousness? Self-righteousness is righteousness done by self, for self, apart from God.

What is God's righteousness? It is righteous acts that God does daily for widows in distress, orphans and those who have no helper. It is anything God does in the way of righteous acts.

***“Righteousness is the heart and core of Jesus Christ’s message.”***

Can humans perform God's righteousness? Most certainly! Righteousness is the heart and core of Jesus Christ's message. Jesus did all His righteousness in the name of the Father when He was performing His Father's works upon this earth (John 10:25, 37-38).

We are to do all our works of righteousness in the name of Jesus Christ, for the glory of the Father (Col. 3:17; Matt. 5:16). Jesus said to have people over for dinner who can't return the favor (Luke 14:12-13). He said to help people who have no money, visit the sick, clothe the naked, give a person a place to stay who is in need of it, practice hospitality, visit the widow in her affliction, help the orphans, and pray for people (Matt. 25:33-40).

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On and on the Scriptures go, showing us how to do Christ's deeds or works and, in the process of doing so, overcome our human natures (Rev. 2:26; John 14:12). No wonder disciples back in Christ's day did such mighty works (Acts 9:36).

The apostles were making people who were doers of the word (Titus 3:8; James 1:22). They were becoming happy slaves of righteousness. They were doing God's Will, which is righteousness, from the heart (Eph. 6:6). The rich were told to be rich in good deeds with their money and to be always ready to share (1 Tim. 6:18). Even Zacchæus understood what God meant by repentance when he vowed to give half of his wealth to the poor and pay back four times what he had taken fraudulently from people (Luke 19:8). He knew God's policy of righteousness never changes.

Ezekiel 33:14-16 says, if the wicked turns from his ways and starts to practice justice and righteousness, he shall surely live. If he pays his debts to others, none of his sins will be remembered against him. If he has started to practice righteousness and justice, he will surely live. Remember, God never changes (Mal. 3:6; Heb. 13:8).

***“So, beware of practicing your righteousness to be noticed by other people, because that’s self-righteousness. Instead, find out what God expects and begin to practice doing your righteous acts for God’s glory daily.”***

In every nation, the man who respects (fears) God and practices righteousness is welcome to Him (Acts 10:35). The righteousness God wants from us is His righteousness, not self-righteousness (1 John 3:7). So, beware of practicing your righteousness to be noticed by other people, because that's self-righteousness (Matt. 6:1). Instead, find out what God expects and begin to practice doing your righteous acts for God's glory daily (Matt. 5:16, 20; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2:15; Col. 3:17). Then you, like Abraham, will be God's friend (James 2:23).□



# Letter From the Editor

Dear *Whole Wheat* Readers,

Recently, in going through our archives we discovered a handwritten article of our founder's, that was never added to our database. We have a rather large archive of material left, as he was a prolific writer, but to find a true original is so rare. So it's exciting to present our readers an article never before seen entitled, *For the Love of God*. The title is interesting because it's an expression used for an immediate call to action; something the world desperately needs. The expression is also used to convey exasperation, which is befitting as the world deteriorates right before our very eyes. Satan is working his magic and deceiving the whole world, as it tells us in Revelation 12:9. He's got people so deluded and confused they have no way of telling the truth from a lie (1 Cor. 14:33). Man, with his smooth and flattering speech, is deceiving the hearts of the unsuspecting (Rom. 16:18). I can only imagine how exasperated God must be! This is why He *will* return with His wrath to set things right, preparing this world for His Kingdom to come (Rev. 11:18; Rev. 21:1-2).

In my Bible years ago, I drew a picture of a tree and rock groaning next to Romans 8:19-21. The anxious longing of creation, *eagerly* awaiting for the sons of God or *God's People* (pg. 3) to be revealed. To be set free from it's slavery of corruption, to the freedom of the glory of the children of God. Think about it. All of creation is looking to you and asking the question: *Are you persevering to the end, to reveal yourself as a son or daughter of God* (Rom 2:7)?

To be called a son of God is interesting, being it is only used for those whom God directly created.

So angels bear that title and humans can bear that title, when they obey God and He gives them His Spirit (Acts 5:32). Those people become new creations in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17). When we become new creatures, then God desires for us to study His Word. The Bible is His instruction book on *How to Be Friends of God* (pg. 4), which He desires for us to become (2 Tim. 3:16-17). It blows my mind that the Creator of the Universe desires to be *my* friend! However, Scripture proves that God is only choosing a few, so it's a once in a lifetime opportunity (Matt. 22:14)!

One thing that distinguishes who God's friends are is brought out in the article *Self-Righteousness or God's Righteousness*. I feel it might be something that God's people need to think about more often. See if you don't read it and say to yourself, "Hmmm?"

It's only by God's kind intention that He reveals *The Wonderful Will of God* to His offspring (Eph 1:9). Our article simply and beautifully explains what that is. For years in my search for God I would read that God was intimate with the upright (Prov. 3:32). I truly longed for and desired that intimacy with all my heart. Today, I am so thankful to God for His kindness in choosing me to know Him (Eph. 2:7). Now it is up to me to endure and persevere to the end. To, *God willing*, have the honor to sit at the Lord's wedding table with all the saints of the ages and be served by my Friend, my God, my Creator, my Father in heaven, Jesus Christ. What a day that will be! I sure hope to see you there.

In His Love,

Scott

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# The Wonderful Will of God

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the Will of My Father who is in heaven” (Matt. 7:21). We know that God does not hear sinners, but if anyone is God-fearing—respects God—and does His Will, God hears that person’s prayers (John 9:31).

Yes, there is a Will to do, and performing that Will in our daily lives ensures us answered prayer, as well as entrance into the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 6:10). Jesus said, “For whoever does the Will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother” (Mark 3:35). What is the Will of the Father? Jesus Christ answers, “My mother and My brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it” (Luke 8:21). Again He says, “Everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts on them [practices righteousness], may be compared to a wise man” (Matt. 7:24). We can conclude, then, that the Will of God is righteousness and that righteousness is practicing the words of Jesus Christ.



It is no secret that Jesus Christ continually did the Will of the Father, when He was here on earth, by being zealous for doing good (John 5:30). It is no secret that Christ was doing righteousness constantly to please His Father in heaven (John 8:29). He was visiting the sick, feeding the hungry, associating with the lowly and continually doing acts of kindness toward His neighbors because He knew this was pleasing to God (Acts 10:38).

If we are to be pleasing to God, we must also perform God’s Will in our daily lives by continually doing things that are pleasing to the Father, like Jesus our example did. We do this by being zealous for good deeds, which glorify our Father in heaven (1 Peter 3:13; Matt. 5:16; 6:1). When we do the wonderful Will of God, we know our prayers will be answered and we know we are God’s friends (1 John 3:18-19, 22). What a wonderful way to live—a life full of joy, peace and every good thing.□

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**Righteousness is True Repentance**

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