

# RELATIONSHIPS

Relationships play a large part in each of our lives -- Relationships with our family, Relationships with those we work with, Relationships with those we come in contact with every day.

Not all Relationships are pleasant and joyful -- some are only of necessity -- Relationships we have to put-up with and are beyond our control. However, we must do our very best to maintain these close Relationships to keep peace in our daily life.

The closest Relationships are of course with intimate family members -- husband and wife, children and parents -- then neighbors and fellow workers.

There is another Relationship we often neglect -- that of our contact with our Heavenly Father -- God, His Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Yes, these intimate Relationships are of the utmost to maintain through daily contact and communication (John 1:12).

Just think of it -- IF we have this proper Relationship -- God the Father is only a Prayer away at all times -- Jesus Christ is our Companion at all times -- and the Holy Spirit dwells within us at all times.

These three -- the Holy Trinity -- are always available -- IF -- we have established a Relationship with them and are walking with them. This simply means that at one point in our lives we have confessed our sins, repented of our wrong-doings, and claimed the shed blood of Jesus Christ to wash away our sins and make us New Creatures in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Now, don't get put-off by this terminology -- it is simple Bible instructions handed down from God the Father for our benefit -- to lead us to Forgiveness, Salvation and Assurance.

It may be hard to understand at first, but in simple terms -- we were born in sin, the sin passed down through the years from our original parents, Adam and Eve, and has kept us separated from God the Father because we continue to follow the ways of our original parents.

King David said, *"Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me"* (Psalm 51:5) (referring to the Adam and Eve's sin and has nothing to do in any way with David's mother having an illicit affair with a man, not her husband). The Apostle Paul said, *"For all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God"* (Romans 3:23), and goes on to say, *"For the wages of sin is death -- BUT -- the Gift of God is Eternal Life in Jesus Christ our Lord"* (Romans 6:23).

So, we see we can do nothing and are helpless and hopeless on our own. We need the God of Creation to come into our lives and Save us, to Change us, to make us worthy of this very important Relationship with Him, and to give us (as only He can) the Blessed Assurance of sins Forgiven and a future Home in Heaven.

We are instructed in Paul's words, *"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be Saved"* (Acts 16:31). Jesus Himself told us, *"I say to you, unless one is Born Again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God"* (John 3:3).

It is so simple -- Believe, Receive, Repent, Come to God on His terms, allow Him to Forgive and make you a New Creation worthy of a Relationship with Him and reserve for you a place in His Heaven.

What a precious thought -- a Personal Relationship with God Himself as our constant Companion, Guide and Friend. Don't put it off -- do it now! He has promised, "*The one who comes to Me I will in no way cast out*" (John 6:37).

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