

God The Holy Spirit and Relationships

Review

GHS counsels us about relationships in 3 areas: God; Self; Others.

God: salvation; security; adoption; citizenship; Church age mechanics; intimacy/God.

Self: Freedom; Hope – realistic expectations; focus; victory over flesh; conviction; transformation; fulfillment; personal sense of destiny.

Life is made up of relationships. Relating to others spiritually is a high priority in the plan of God. The world views the Church based on the way we relate to one another. The unbeliever sees the hope in us and desires to have that same confidence. All believers by design are dependent upon one another to fulfill the plan of God.

1. Call to properly relate to others

- Jn 13:34-35 – command – love one another; evidence of the reality of Christ; Jn 15:12,17; Rom 13:8; 1Thes 4:9; 1Pt 1:22; 1Jn 3:11
- Jn 17:23 – unity – world may know that GF sent Jesus; Eph 4:1-3
- 1Pt 3:15 – be prepared to defend the hope in you – witnessing/unbelievers Col 4:5
- 2Cor 6:2 – causing no offense that the ministry not be discredited – credibility
- Eph 4:31-32 – eliminate MAS; kind, tenderhearted; forgiving – healthy relationships
- Eph 5: 22-33 – Husbands love like Christ; wives submit like church
- Eph 6:1-4 – Parents and children
- Eph 6:5-9 – Employers and employees – as unto the Lord

2. Capacity to properly relate to others is a result of proper relationship w God.

- Mt 7:3-5 – take beam out of your own eye – help others with their eyesight.
- 1Jn 4:19 – we love because he 1st loved us – rel w God builds capacity to love others
- Eph 5:1-2 – imitators like a child learns from a parent – walk like Christ, as a younger sibling imitates an older brother.

3. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners – people.

- 1Tim 1:15 – for this purpose – to save sinners; to save people
- Resolving the Angelic Conflict could have occurred in any number of ways; but God chose to resolve it by allowing us to live with Him forever.
- Rom 8:29 – plan of God designed for Jesus to be 1st born of many brothers – us.
- God is concerned with the needs of people and desires that we are also – Jms 1:27 – help widows and orphans in their affliction.

4. Our relationship with God motivates us to give to others as He gave to us.

- 2Cor 5:14 – love of Christ motivates us – ministry of reconciliation.
- Mt 10:8 – freely you have received, freely give
- Gal 2:20 – live my life by faith in Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me

5. Believer relating to believer – one another

- Jn 13:34 - Love – unconditional commitment to edify one another
- Rom 12:10 – love like family; consider others more important
- 1Cor 16:20 – kiss – respect and affection
- Gal 5:13 – by love serve one another
- Gal 5:15,26 – don't bite one another; provoke; envy
- Eph 4:2 – humility, patience, forbearance
- Eph 4:32; Col 3:13 – forgiving
- Col 3:16 – teaching and admonishing
- 1Thes 4:18; Heb 3:13 – encouraging; comforting
- 1Thes 5:11 – building up
- Heb 10:24-25 – motivating and encouraging to good works