

Relationships: How can we glorify God in them?

Introduction

1. We must take a look at God – the three in one

a. We were created to be _____ as God is _____.

b. Key elements of _____ relationship

1. Honor/Respect (with equality in essence) – John 8:49
2. Order in function – Jn 8:28-29; 14:31; 16:13
3. Submission and _____ – exemplified in the God-Man Jesus to His Father—John 8:28-29;14:31;16:13,14
4. Unity/co-operation/involvement –John 10;30, 38; 14:10-11, 23; 17:11
5. Uniqueness of person-hood (three distinct persons) –John 1:31-34
6. Communication – John 8:28; 15:15; 16:13
7. _____ and understanding –John 8:55; 15:15
8. Expression of thankfulness – John 11:41
9. _____ expressions of love – John 10:17; 14:31; 15:9; 17:23
10. Visible _____ of love: goodness, blessing, and service – John 15:9-10; 17:4, 23
11. Truthfulness (trustworthy) – John 3:33; 14:27
12. Concern for the other's _____ –Philippians 2:5-9
13. Utmost concern for God's _____ – John 16:14; 17:1, 5, 24

2. We must take a look at the first _____

The language is very picturesque—it was a regular pattern of activity of walking with Adam and Eve. Genesis 3:8 “They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day”

3. We must sum up a mutual relationship – Pre-_____

“A joint participation between two distinct persons in which there is

_____,
Christ-like love (_____, _____ and in keeping with _____),

_____,

_____,

_____,

and _____

– all in an attitude of _____ and _____

– and all for God's _____ and the _____ of the other.”

4. We must understand the impact of _____
- a. Relationship problems began on Earth with the first man (Gen 3)
 - i. Between them and God. _____ God.
 - ii. Between Adam and Eve. _____ each other.
 - iii. Between them, God and Satan. (Notice all the curses.)
 - b. Relationship problems spread to Adam's _____ (Rom 3)
 - i. Sin _____ relationships.
 - ii. Sin is _____ - _____. It brings _____.
 - iii. Sin affects us not just _____, but also _____.
 - iv. Sin changes whose _____ we live for. (2 Cor 5:15)
 1. World (Rom 12:1-2; 2 Cor 10:5; 1 John 2:15-17)
 2. Sex (1 Cor 7:1; 1 Thess. 4:3-8; 1 Tim 5:1-2)
 3. Work (Col 3:23-25; 2 Thess 3:6-9)
 4. Future (Matt. 6:33; James 4:15)
 5. Church (1 Cor 12:12,25; Eph. 4:11-13; Heb 10:24-25)
 6. Bible (John 14:21; 1 John 5:2-3)
 7. Appearance (1 Peter 3:3-4; 1 Samuel 16:7)
 8. Others (Rom 12:9-13; 2 Cor. 5:18-20; Gal 5:13)
5. We must _____ the _____ and see its _____ to _____ relationships.
- a. The Gospel _____ our _____ with God.
 - i. In Christ, we are no longer _____ from God (Is 59:2a)
 - ii. In Christ, we are brought into the _____ of God. (Eph 2:13)
 - b. The Gospel _____ us a _____ with God (2 Cor.5)
 - i. He has given us a new heart (Ezk.11:19-20; 36:25-27; 2 Cor.5:17)
 - ii. God reconciled us (His elect) to Himself (2 Cor.5:17-18; 1 Pt.3:18)
 - iii. He is our God and we are His people (1 Pt.2:24-25; Rev.21:3)
 - iv. He is our Shepherd, High Priest, Comforter, and Guide (Ps.23; Jn.10:27-28; 2 Cor.1:3-4; Heb. 4:14-16)
 - v. We are identified with Christ and His Body (1 Cor 12:27)
 - vi. We are to be His ambassadors to others (Mt.28:19-20;2 Cor.5:18,20)
 - vii. He will take us home (by death or His return) to live with Him, whom we eagerly wait for, and worship Him forever (Jn.14:1-3; Rev.22:1-3)
 - c. The Gospel enables us to _____ our _____ with God
 - i. We must realize and value our _____ with _____
 - ii. We must pursue our _____ with _____
 - iii. We must keep both our _____ and _____ in _____

6. We must live in Christ-like Relationships

- a. _____ and _____ with Christ.
- b. Praying for God's _____ and _____
- c. Changing our thoughts about relationships and in situations
Think about, "How can I truly be loving in this situation or relationships?" and
"How can I truly _____ _____?"
- d. Reviewing and pursuing the _____ - _____
- e. Repenting of idolatry and other relationship sins (_____ and
_____)
- f. Applying God's commands and principles to _____ relationships
- g. Changing our relationships to follow this pattern:

"A joint participation between two distinct persons in which there is involvement,
Christ-like love (sacrificial, enduring and in keeping with God's word),
communication,
appreciation,
edification,
and service
– all in an attitude of respect and humility
– and all for God's glory and the benefit of the other."