

GOD'S LOVE RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU
Romans 8:1-4

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus, ²because the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:1-2 (CSB)

"Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth. It is for your benefit that I go away, because if I don't go away the Counselor will not come to you. If I go, I will send him to you. ⁸When he comes, he will convict the world about sin, righteousness, and judgment: ⁹About sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me; ¹¹and about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged. ¹²I still have many things to tell you, but you can't bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth. For he will not speak on his own, but he will speak whatever he hears. He will also declare to you what is to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."

John 16:7-14 (CSB)

❖ God pursues a continuing love relationship with you that is REAL and PERSONAL.

1. We can't REACH HIGH ENOUGH on our own to experience God.

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Romans 8:3 (CSB)

But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face because he stood condemned. ¹²For he regularly ate with the Gentiles before certain men came from James. However, when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, because he feared those from the circumcision party. ¹³Then the rest of the Jews joined his hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴But when I saw that they were deviating from the truth of the gospel, I told Cephas in front of everyone, "If you, who are a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel Gentiles to live like Jews?"

Galatians 2:11-14 (CSB)

- If you are trying to experience God by trying harder and doing more, you're going to fail and be frustrated.

2. God actively REACHES DOWN to us in order to allow us to experience Him continually.

"God pursues a continuing love relationship with you that is real and personal."

Henry Blackaby

For what the law could not do since it was weakened by the flesh, God did. He condemned sin in the flesh by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh as a sin offering, ⁴in order that the law's requirement would be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Romans 8:3-4 (CSB)

You foolish Galatians! Who has cast a spell on you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified? ²I only want to learn this from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law or by believing what you heard? ³Are you so foolish? After beginning by the Spirit, are you now finishing by the flesh? ⁴Did you experience so much for nothing—if in fact it was for nothing? ⁵So then, does God give you the Spirit and work miracles among you by your doing the works of the law? Or is it by believing what you heard—⁶just like Abraham who believed God, and it was credited to him for righteousness? ⁷You know, then, that those who have faith, these are Abraham's sons. ⁸Now the Scripture saw in advance that God would justify the Gentiles by faith and proclaimed the gospel ahead of time to Abraham, saying, All the nations will be blessed through you. ⁹Consequently, those who have faith are blessed with Abraham, who had faith.

Galatians 3:1-9 (CSB)

You will seek me and find me when you search for me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:13 (CSB)

For you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of an unblemished and spotless lamb.

1 Peter 1:18-19 (CSB)

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10 (CSB)