

Doing Life With God

Most people who call themselves Christians would say that their relationship with Christ is their most important relationship, but:

Do you “do life” with God?

Rate yourself: How much do you want to know Christ?

“But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

(Philippians 3:7-11)

“For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”

(Ephesians 3: 14-19)

“For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God...” (Colossians 1: 9-10)

The more you know God, the more your life will be transformed. You will become more like Christ, more holy.

The goal of every true follower of Christ is holiness. Holiness is what happens to us when we “do life” with God.

“Be Holy Because I am Holy.”

43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. 46 If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? 47 And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? 48 Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. (Matthew 5: 43-48)

How do we come to a place of loving God?
We have to know that He loved us first.

Process of “Doing Life” with God

1) We need to desire holiness.

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“...continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill His good purpose.” (Philippians 2:12-13)

We don't gain salvation through working, but if we aren't working on some things in our life, we are short circuiting God's plan for His working in our life. He works in our life through some things that he has given us to do.

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1 John 4: 7-8, **“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.**

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1 John 4:10-11, “This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”

1 John 4:19, “We love because He first love us.”

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How do I have the kind of encounter with God that I can say I know God?

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The MEANS OF GRACE are the activities that we do that God has ordained for our spiritual nourishment and growth in grace. Things such as prayer, the Word of God, Baptism, Communion, Fasting, Christian Fellowship, the ministry of the Church.

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Sometimes we forget this fact: It's through these activities, we will understand how much God loves us.

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6) When I know God loves me, I want to please Him.

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6) When I know God loves me, I want to please Him. And that leads to a life of holiness. And that’s what “doing” life with God looks like.

You aren't going to know God if you only show up for the "big moments."

You aren't going to know God if you are
happy staying like you are now.

- 1) God has shown us a way to make a statement to ourselves that He is first in our lives - Fasting.