

MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD  
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Text: Matthew 3:13-17

**OUR RELATIONSHIP TO GOD VALIDATES EVERYTHING ELSE.**

*I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first.*  
Revelation 2:2-4

**GOD LOVES US BECAUSE WE ARE HIS CHILDREN.**

*Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.* Matthew 3:13-15

*As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."* Matthew 3:16-17

*For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.* Romans 8:14-16

**1. A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD GIVES US THE POWER TO CHANGE.**

*...God is changing us from glory to glory...* 2 Corinthians 3:18

*For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments; and his commandments are not burdensome.* 1 John 5:3

*Jacob to Laban: they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her.* Genesis 29:20

From Psalm 119

- \* *O, how I love your law, I meditate on it all day long (verse 97)*
- \* *I rejoice in your promises (verse 162)*
- \* *Your statutes are my delight (verse 24)*
- \* *Your decrees/statutes are the theme of my song wherever I lodge (verse 54)*

**2. A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD GIVES US THE POWER TO FORGIVE.**

Forgiveness was not given on the magnitude of my deservedness. Forgiveness was given on the magnitude of His love.