

PLEASING GOD

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If you could talk to Jesus Christ face to face and spend time with Him, how would you talk to Him and treat Him? Would you show Him respect and treat Him with love?

We please God by showing love and respect for God and showing love and respect for other people (especially other Christians). This is the Great Commandment Jesus spoke of in Matthew 22:36-40. We show our love for God through our prayers, and praise & worship of God and by studying God's Word – The Holy Bible. But why should we love and respect other people?

It is a hard concept for us to totally understand, but God is actually three persons in one – God the Father, God the Son (Jesus Christ) and God the Holy Spirit. So the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are all God. If you praise one you are praising all three. If you worship the Father, you are worshipping Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit too.

Now think about this. When we truly become a Christian, God sends the Holy Spirit to dwell inside us. Therefore God lives in us. So whenever we talk with a Christian, we are also talking with the Holy Spirit (and therefore the Father and Jesus Christ). So it only stands to reason that if we want to please God, we should treat others (especially Christians) as if we were talking directly to Jesus (God). This includes our spouse, our parents, our children, our brothers and sisters, our coworkers, our neighbors. So how have you been treating God lately?