

Created for Relationship

Matthew 7:24-27 (Tragedy III) -This is real life!

Our Relationship with Christ MUST be our foundation in life.

-God created us in His image.

Gen 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, **to be like us**. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground."

27 So God created human beings in his own image.

In the image of God he created them;

male and female he created them.

*God's motive was a creation made in His own image, a creation that was to "be like Him" -so that His creation could "know Him."

-God did not abandon us.

John 14:15 "If you love me, obey my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. 17 He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.

18 No, I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you.

*God never intended for us to be "orphans."

-God desires to make His home in us.

John 14:22 Judas said to him, "Lord, why are you going to reveal yourself only to us and not to the world at large?" (*Why don't they understand who you are?*) 23 Jesus replied, "All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, **and we will come and make our home with each of them**."

*"Real homes" are built on relationships.

(My Home III)

-Jesus commanded us to “abide” in Him.

John 15:5 “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for **without Me you can do nothing**. 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

*We are dysfunctional apart from a relationship with God.

-Jesus’ definition of “Eternal Life” is “Knowing God” or: “RELATIONSHIP.”

John 17:3 And this is eternal life, **that they may know You**, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

***ETERNAL LIFE = HAVING A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD = KNOWING GOD**

-Eternal life is received by trusting in, clinging to, and relying on Jesus.

John 3:16 For God so greatly loved and dearly prized the world that He gave up His only begotten Son, so that whoever **believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him** shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal life. **(President Obama III)**

- When we trust in, cling to, and rely on Jesus, we accept His offer of eternal life. (The opportunity to know Him.)
- **We submit to His Lordship in our lives.**
- Nothing else can “save us.”
 - “a prayer” -alone
 - Sacraments -alone
 - Pastors & church leaders
 - Church Membership
 - Family
 - Money/Position

(Practical Salvation/Relationship III)

***If we were created for relationship, then our relationship with God should be at the core of EVERYTHING.**

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT:

1. Read Matthew Chapter 7 and the scripture passages in this handout.
2. Determine where you stand in your relationship with God.
3. Examine the foundation of your Life.