



GREATER HARVEST BAPTIST CHURCH

**CYBER BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS AT 7PM**



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TONIGHT'S LESSON:

RELIGION VS RELATIONSHIP

A group of children and an adult are gathered together, all with their hands clasped in prayer. The children are of various ages, some looking down with eyes closed, others looking towards the camera. They are wearing casual clothing like t-shirts and dresses. The background is a plain wall with a window showing some outdoor greenery. The text "LET US PRAY" is overlaid in large, bold, blue capital letters across the center of the image.

LET US PRAY

OUR BIBLE STUDY GOAL:

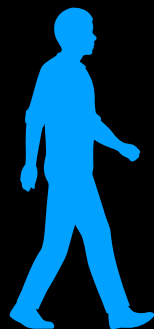




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Living a Life Pleasing unto God.

**Walking in Righteousness, Becoming a better
Christian by following God's word.**



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LUKE 1:37 "FOR NO WORD FROM GOD WILL EVER FAIL"

A healthy relationship
must ultimately be based on trust.

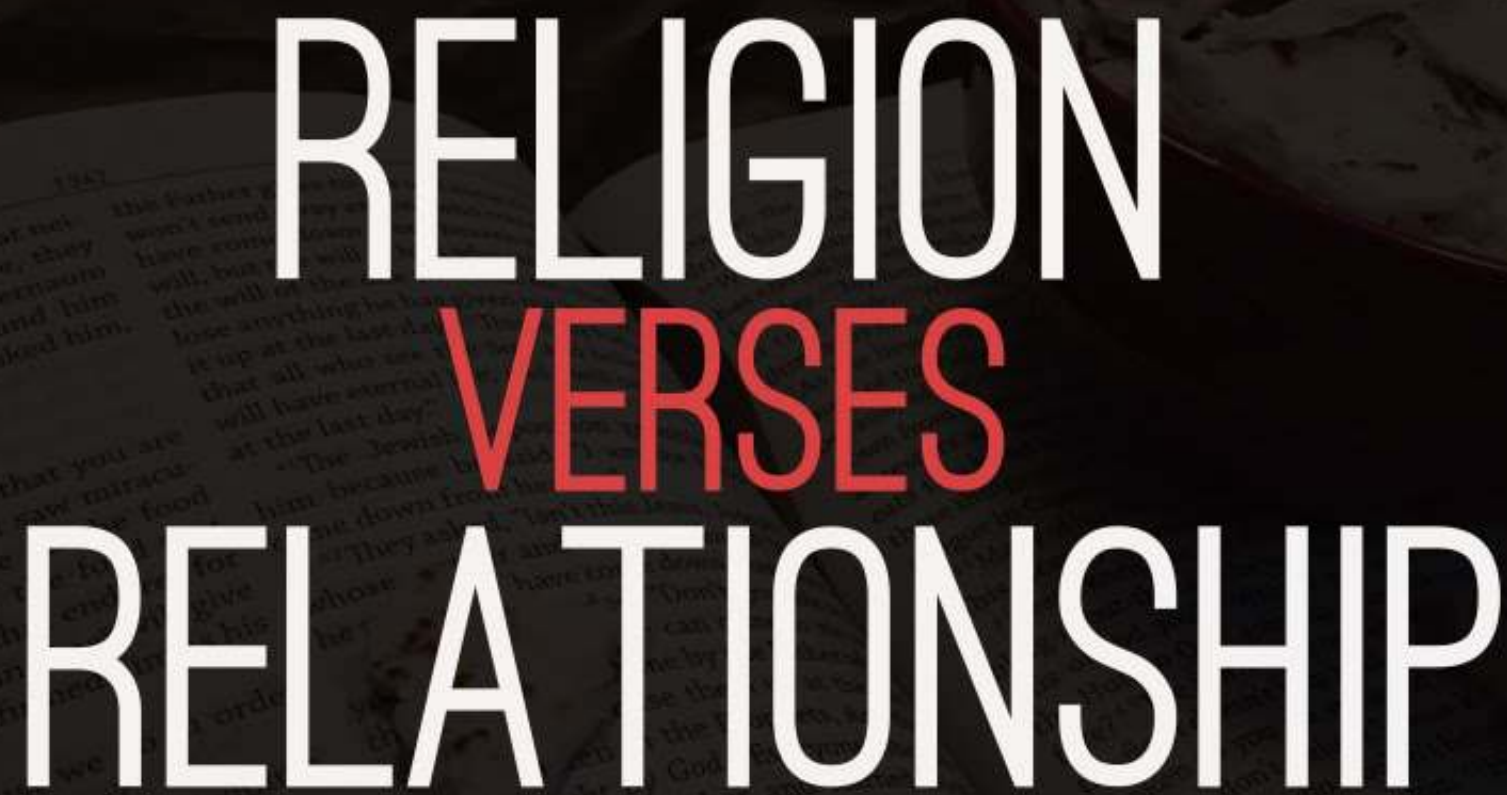
To build trust, you always keep your word.

You remain consistent and dependable in everything you say and do. You become the kind of team player who is utterly reliable in every situation.

You never do or say anything that can shake this foundation of trust upon which a healthy relationship is built.

— Brian Tracy





RELIGION VERSES RELATIONSHIP

**WHAT IS THE
DIFFERENCE?**

RELIGION IS PERTAINING TO MAN

RELATIONSHIP IS PERTAINING TO SPIRIT

RELIGION IS RULES

RELATIONSHIP IS GRACE

RELIGION IS BONDAGE

RELATIONSHIP IS FREEDOM

NO ONE FALLS IN LOVE WITH THE RULES.

WE FALL IN LOVE WITH ROLES.

WE FALL IN LOVE WITH RESPECT.

WE FALL IN LOVE WITH WHAT'S REAL.

FUN FACT!

**THERE ARE 613
OLD TESTAMENT
RITUALS AND LAWS**

**IS IT BETTER TO BE RELIGIOUS,
OR TO HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?**

Jesus
wants a
relationship

Satan
wants
religion

**HOW DO WE KNOW
JESUS DESIRES A
RELATIONSHIP
WITH US?**

³⁶ MASTER, WHICH IS THE GREAT
COMMANDMENT IN THE LAW?

³⁷ JESUS SAID UNTO HIM, **THOU SHALT LOVE
THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL THY HEART,
AND WITH ALL THY SOUL, AND WITH ALL
THY MIND.**

³⁸ THIS IS THE FIRST AND GREAT
COMMANDMENT.

³⁹ AND THE SECOND IS LIKE UNTO IT, **THOU
SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR AS THYSELF.**

⁴⁰ ON THESE TWO COMMANDMENTS HANG
ALL THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS.

2 PETER 1:3-9

3 ACCORDING AS HIS DIVINE POWER HATH GIVEN UNTO US ALL THINGS THAT PERTAIN UNTO **LIFE AND GODLINESS**, THROUGH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM THAT HATH CALLED US TO GLORY AND VIRTUE:

4 WHEREBY ARE GIVEN UNTO US EXCEEDING GREAT AND PRECIOUS PROMISES: THAT BY THESE YE MIGHT BE PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE, HAVING ESCAPED THE CORRUPTION THAT IS IN THE WORLD THROUGH LUST.

5 AND BESIDE THIS, GIVING ALL DILIGENCE, ADD TO YOUR FAITH **VIRTUE**; AND TO VIRTUE **KNOWLEDGE**;

6 AND TO KNOWLEDGE **TEMPERANCE**; AND TO TEMPERANCE **PATIENCE**; AND TO PATIENCE **GODLINESS**;

7 AND TO GODLINESS **BROTHERLY KINDNESS**; AND TO BROTHERLY KINDNESS **CHARITY**.

8 FOR IF THESE THINGS BE IN YOU, AND ABOUND, THEY MAKE YOU THAT **YE SHALL NEITHER BE BARREN NOR UNFRUITFUL** IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

9 BUT HE THAT LACKETH THESE THINGS IS BLIND, AND CANNOT SEE AFAR OFF, AND HATH FORGOTTEN THAT HE WAS PURGED FROM HIS OLD SINS.

**WHEN YOU ARE IN A
RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD
YOU BEHAVE
DIFFERENTLY**

³⁴ A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE UNTO YOU, THAT YE LOVE ONE ANOTHER; AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, THAT YE ALSO LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

³⁵ BY THIS SHALL ALL MEN KNOW THAT YE ARE MY DISCIPLES, IF YE HAVE LOVE ONE TO ANOTHER.

I BESEECH YOU THEREFORE, BRETHREN, BY THE MERCIES OF GOD, THAT YOU PRESENT YOUR BODIES A LIVING SACRIFICE, HOLY, ACCEPTABLE TO GOD, WHICH IS YOUR REASONABLE SERVICE. AND DO NOT BE CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD, BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND, THAT YOU MAY PROVE WHAT IS THAT GOOD AND ACCEPTABLE AND PERFECT WILL OF GOD.

**BEHOLD, THE LORD'S HAND IS NOT SHORTENED,
THAT IT CANNOT SAVE;
NOR HIS EAR HEAVY,
THAT IT CANNOT HEAR.**

**BUT YOUR INIQUITIES HAVE SEPARATED YOU FROM
YOUR GOD;**

**AND YOUR SINS HAVE HIDDEN HIS FACE FROM YOU,
SO THAT HE WILL NOT HEAR.**

IF RELATIONSHIP IS MORE THAN
RELIGION...

**WHY DO WE
SAY WE ARE
CHRISTIANS?**

CHRISTIANITY IS BASED ON WHAT CHRIST
HAS DONE FOR THE PERSON, NOT ON
WHAT THE PERSON DOES FOR CHRIST.

OTHER RELIGIONS ARE MAN-CENTERED
RELIGIONS, MEANING THE WHOLE THING
PASSES OR FAILS BASED UPON THE
ACTIONS OF THE PERSON.

CHRISTIANITY IS THE ONLY TRUE GOD-
CENTERED RELIGION BECAUSE SALVATION
IS BASED UPON THE ACTIONS OF GOD.

**IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO
HAVE A RELATIONSHIP
WITH GOD AND NOT BE
RELIGIOUS.**

Yes, Christianity is a Religion,
but it's True Religion

True Religion produces
Right Relationship to God

which leads to Right Experience and
Right Intimate Relationship with God

- Greg Koukl

**RELATIONSHIP IS
ABOUT BEHAVIOR**

ROMANS 12:1-2

THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATION; OLD THINGS HAVE PASSED AWAY; BEHOLD, ALL THINGS HAVE BECOME NEW. NOW ALL THINGS ARE OF GOD, WHO HAS RECONCILED US TO HIMSELF THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, AND HAS GIVEN US THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION,

7 HEAR, O LORD, WHEN I CRY WITH MY VOICE:
HAVE MERCY ALSO UPON ME, AND ANSWER ME.

8 WHEN THOU SAIDST, SEEK YE MY FACE; MY
HEART SAID UNTO THEE, THY FACE, LORD, WILL I
SEEK.

9 HIDE NOT THY FACE FAR FROM ME; PUT NOT
THY SERVANT AWAY IN ANGER: THOU HAST
BEEN MY HELP; LEAVE ME NOT, NEITHER
FORSAKE ME, O GOD OF MY SALVATION.

10 WHEN MY FATHER AND MY MOTHER FORSAKE
ME, THEN THE LORD WILL TAKE ME UP.

**RELATIONSHIP IS
ABOUT SERVICE**

¹⁴ IF I THEN, YOUR LORD AND MASTER, HAVE
WASHED YOUR FEET; YE ALSO OUGHT TO
WASH ONE ANOTHER'S FEET.

¹⁵ FOR I HAVE GIVEN YOU AN EXAMPLE, THAT
YE SHOULD DO AS I HAVE DONE TO YOU.

¹⁶ VERILY, VERILY, I SAY UNTO YOU, THE
SERVANT IS NOT GREATER THAN HIS LORD;
NEITHER HE THAT IS SENT GREATER THAN
HE THAT SENT HIM.

¹⁷ IF YE KNOW THESE THINGS, HAPPY ARE YE
IF YE DO THEM.

**RELATIONSHIP IS A
LIFESTYLE OF
HUMILITY**

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient,
bearing with one another in love.

Ephesians 4:2



*Pride leads
to disgrace, but
with*
HUMILITY
comes wisdom.

Proverbs 11:2 NLT

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HUMBLE YOURSELVES
BEFORE THE LORD, &
HE WILL LIFT YOU UP.

- JAMES 4:10

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Psalm
149:4

FOR THE LORD TAKES DELIGHT IN
HIS PEOPLE; HE CROWNS THE HUMBLE
WITH SALVATION.

**A RELATIONSHIP
WITH GOD IS
ABOUT LOVE.**

Let all
that you do
be done with
LOVE.

-1 Corinthians 16:14

I have LOVED you
with an everlasting
LOVE
Therefore with
LOVINGKINDNESS
I have drawn you.

JEREMIAH 31:3



RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD IS ABOUT:

LOVE

SERVICE

HUMILITY

BEHAVIOR AND

GRATITUDE/PRAISE



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