

## HOW TO BEGIN, CULTIVATE AND SUSTAIN A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

### I. How To Begin A Personal Relationship With God (1Cor.15:1-8).

- a. By faith in the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ for our sins (Isa.53:3-7, 10-12; Rom.10:9-13)
- b. By repentance from our sins (Prov.28:13, Mk.1:15) & our dead-works (Heb.6:1, Heb.9:14) {ie. works of the flesh—also including the useless works of the *'religious' self*—Gal.2:16, Isa.64:6}
- c. By accepting the reconciliation [ie. atonement] offered to us by God through our Lord Jesus Christ (Rom.5:1-2,10-11; 2Cor.5:18-21)

### II. How To Cultivate A Personal Relationship With God (Col.2:6-7).

- a. By choosing & deciding to know Him more & more (2Pet.1:2-4 TLB, AMPC; 1Chron.28:9) & by discussing every single thing with God (Deut.4:7, Ps.62:8, Jn.14:16-17, 26 AMPC)
- b. By continually depending on the Holy Spirit in all things (Jn.14:26; 1Jn.2:20, 27), in every place (Ps.139:7-12; Jer.23:24) & at all times (Ps.62:8, Ps.16:8)
- c. By responding personally to the Lord Jesus in a discipleship relationship (Matt.11:28-29, Matt.9:9 AMP)

### III. How To Sustain A Personal Relationship With God (Hos.6:3 KJV; Mic.6:8).

- a. By walking in obedience (Jn.14:15, 21, 23; 1Jn.5:3) to the word of God (Jas.1:21-25; Rom.2:13) & the promptings, dictates & instructions of the Holy Spirit (Gal.5:16-18, 25 AMPC).
- b. By daily having an unbroken communion (1Jn.3:6-8 AMPC, 2Cor.13:14) & continuous fellowship (1Jn.1:3-4, Jn.14:16-18, 23) with God
- c. By perpetually abiding in Christ & the Godhead abiding in you— (Jn.15:4-7, Jn.14:16-17, 20-21, 23, 26; Gal.2:20)