

HOW TO RELATE TO GOD

Romans 5:1-11

God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Genesis 1:27

I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." 2 Corinthians 6:18

The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, Romans 8:16-17

Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3

To rightly relate to God as His child I have to realize six things:

1. I have _____ (v.1)

2. I have _____ (v.2a)
...through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.. Romans 5:2A (NIV)

"All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that for any man or woman who comes to the king to the inner court who is not summoned, he has but one law, that he be put to death, unless the king holds out to him the golden scepter so that he may live. And I have not been summoned to come to the king for these thirty days." Esther 4:11

*Let us therefore draw near with **confidence** to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16*

*...casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you.
1 Peter 5:7*

3. Jesus is coming and _____ (v.2b)
And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Romans 5:2B (NIV)

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

4. My problems have a _____ (vv.3-4)
For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 2 Corinthians 4:17 (NIV)

Trials are not for punishing but for _____ (v.5)
Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. James 1:2-4

With a trial comes _____ (v.5)
...and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who was given to us. (v.5)

5. I have an eternally _____ (vv.6-10)
*To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy--
Jude 1:24 (NIV)*

(David) Restore to me the joy of your salvation... Psalm 51:12 (NIV)

6. My response is to _____ in this relationship (v.11)
*And not only that, but now we are also very happy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we are now God's friends again.
Romans 5:11 (NCV)*

"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28