

True Christianity is a relationship – a God-man relationship. That is often just another slogan with little meaning.

Relationships require time, agreement, and intimacy.

It is possible to have nearly a zero in relationship even with much time spent together. While cellmates in a prison may spend much time together, they may have little in the way of agreement or intimacy. Their relationship is a large zero and could even be a huge negative in their lives; they may actually hate one another. Lacking agreement and intimacy will result in tension or even an armed truce 'relationship'.

As Christians, our relationship with God is somewhat like that of cellmates. He is ALWAYS with us, but that does not necessarily mean that we are intimate friends. That does not mean that we enjoy His presence, nor does it mean that we are in agreement with what He desires. It certainly does not mean that we are honestly intimate!

Often we are busy with our own agenda while He, *perhaps reluctantly*, just tags along. We operate as lord of our own lives even while we call Him “Lord”. We may not be doing “bad” things according to the law; we are just living according to our own agenda – which, of course, IS the ultimate “*bad*”. It is bad because it is rebellion against 'good' and the only One Who is good. We call Him “Lord”, but sometimes we live as if we are our own lord which can only be described as rebellion! But He continues to faithfully love and pursue us and even protect us, while we, in pursuing our own agenda, reject Him as Lord.

True Christianity is a relationship in which the Christian is not only with the Father, he is living in agreement with HIS will while they are intimately sharing life together. Obviously, no one – except for the Godhead - lives in that relationship perfectly, but for those who are actively living in relationship with God, there will be fruit. Consider the following verses:

[Mat 7:15-23] "*Beware of the false prophets [or from the Greek 'religious imposters'], who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. (16) "You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they? (17) "So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. (18) "A good*

*tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit. (19) "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. (20) "So then, you will know them by their fruits. (21) "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. (22) "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' (23) "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; **DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.**'*

1. Jesus says that the true children of God will bear fruit – good fruit.
2. You will know the true child of God by the fruits he bears.
3. Not everyone who says, “**Lord, Lord**” is really a Christian.
4. There are “**many**” who are Christians in name only.
5. Those who are doing the Father's will are the true sons of God.
6. Those “unknown” by the Father are condemned in the last day.

Those who are actively relating to the Father are alert and obedient to the Father's agenda as a full-time commitment to their relationship. That is a daily – hourly – moment-by-moment commitment..... It is **that** relationship which produces fruit – good fruit. Only the fruit which flows from the Father and is powered and accomplished by the Father is “**good fruit**”. “**Apart from HIM**” we can do “**nothing**”. [Jn.15:5] But we can do “**all things through Christ Who strengthens and empowers [us]**”. [Phil.4:13]

True Christianity is not just a Sunday thing, nor a religious thing, nor a law thing. It is a living - a vitally alive relationship with the resurrected Jesus. He then functions as both Lord and the indwelling power of the life of the believer.

The born-again experience produces a “**new creature**”, made alive with the Spirit of the Living God and is thus enabled to express the purpose and power of God through that vital and **living relationship**. True Christianity is a living breathing extension of the Living God resulting in good fruit. Without that living **fruit-bearing relationship** 'Relational Christianity' may

be just another a counterfeit religion created by men in which a man is still lord of his own life even while he is, from time to time, crying, "Lord, Lord..."

True Christianity is relational as a life-style. God is manifesting His purposes and power through that relationship resulting in "good fruit". Sometimes it occurs spontaneously while at other times it is quite volitional, but in either case the end result is "good fruit". All else is counterfeit religion even if it is called "Relational Christianity".

Today, are you living in relationship with the Living God? What is HE saying? What is HE doing? Are you living in intimate agreement as a fellow worker with HIM? That is the nature and heart of all true Christianity.

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. And working together with Him, we also urge you not to receive the grace of God in vain--

[2 Corinthians

5:20-21 – 6:1]

Prophetic Worship Conference

May 17th -19th

Covenant Life Fellowship

*"The hour has come
when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and
truth;
for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.
God is spirit, those who worship Him must worship in spirit and
truth."*

John 4:23-24

We were created to worship and because of this, it is not surprising

that we worship. All men worship something or someone, but God is seeking worshippers who will worship HIM in spirit and in truth. That calling to worship in spirit and truth is not a part-time occupation; it is a full time calling. That full-time worship is sourced in the Father and released by the Spirit and as such it is prophetic in nature for it flows out of God and is directed back to God by the worshipper.

As the Spirit moves upon the child of God, the Spirit inspired heart continually moves the mind, the voice, the hands, the feet, the very life of the man in creative worship of the living God.

In Matthew 4:10 Jesus decidedly tied worship to service when He said, ***Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.*** According to Jesus, all of life is to be worship and service, but it is not a list of rules or a form or technique; it is the flow of the Spirit of God into and all throughout the life of the believer responding to God with a life of worship.

In this Prophetic Worship Conference we will examine the flow of the Spirit of God through the believer reproducing the heart of worship which starts in heaven, impacts every area of life, and glorifies God.

Save the dates; Plan to be there!