

# WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO HAVE A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?



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INTIMATE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP LIES AT THE HEART OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

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## A Relationship With God

A relationship with God involves receiving communications through His Word, history, and His Son Jesus Christ. It is about continually pursuing God through prayer, scripture, and spiritual attentiveness, which opens us to divine peace, purpose, wisdom, and comfort. This intimate, personal relationship lies at the heart of the Christian faith. Ephesians 2:8 ESV says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God".

**Intimate Relationships Are Characterized** by having a close connection to another person and having a commitment to his or her well-being. **Acquaintances** have superficial information about us, but true friends know our deeper emotions, thoughts, and desires.

God has always desired a personal relationship with man, but human sinfulness made that impossible. We all have rebelled against God's perfect authority (Rom. 3:23; 6:23), but more than that, we were all born with a corrupt nature inherited from Adam (Rom. 5:12),

and neither good works nor moral values can overcome it. God alone could remedy the situation. His solution is to change our nature so we can be a part of His family. Only a perfect sacrifice can pay for our sins (Deut. 17:1). God requires the death of someone without a sinful nature as the payment for our debts. Throughout



Sis. Mendez  
Water Baptism

history, only one qualified: Jesus, the perfect God-man, who gave His life so we could have a relationship with the Father. Our friendship with God came at a very high price to Him by the death of His beloved Son. The Father has done everything necessary for us to be in His family and experience intimacy with Him. Have you entered into a relationship with Him through the saving work of His Son? If not, today is

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good day. It can be your spiritual birthday today by receiving Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

**What does it mean to have a personal relationship with God?** A relationship with God begins the moment we realize our need for Him, admit we are sinners, and receive Jesus Christ as our Savior by faith. God, our heavenly Father, has always desired to be close to us, and have a relationship with us.

### How to draw close to God

To draw close to God is to simply *open your heart* to Him. God never withholds His presence from us but He never forces us to abide in Him. God is a gentleman, He waits for us patiently to come to Him, and then He rewards us with His peace and envelopes us in His love. You don't have to be perfect, you just have to accept God's grace and wash your hands, purify your heart, and repent of sin.

# What NAACP Doing in the Community

Clarksville Branch #5582 is proud to announce its 86th Annual Freedom Fund Event, where they will focus on working together to fight against the social injustices that persist in America.

This year, the event will be even more significant as it combines the efforts of two branches, Clarksville, TN, and Hopkinsville, KY, to strengthen the fight against social inequities, racism, and hatred that continue to affect our nation.

We take this opportunity to express our admiration and gratitude for the NAACP tirelessly advocating for civil

rights and social justice, fighting against discrimination, and ensuring that everyone's voice is heard.

The NAACP also empowers education through various programs, scholarships, and mentorship opportunities, equipping our youth with the necessary tools for success.

Additionally, the NAACP is crucial in promoting voter registration and educating our community about the significance of participating in elections. Every vote counts!

Together, we can continue supporting the NAACP's justice and equality mission for all.

1 Corinthians 15:58 (KJV) states "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."



NAACP MAKING A  
DIFFERENT  
IN THE COMMUNITY

BISHOP TIMOTHY W. GRANT SR.

According to Scripture, pastors are called by God to **serve and lead God's people**. Pastors are chosen and appointed to shepherd the flock, nurturing believers' faith spiritually.



Alongside our dedicated Pastor stands a pillar of strength, wisdom, and grace – his loving wife. Together, they form a dynamic duo, tirelessly serving

## First Lady Stephanie Y. Grant

our congregation and community with unwavering devotion and selflessness.

You will find that Lady Grant is an amazing person who loves her husband, her family, and the church, and loves the Lord Jesus Christ with all of her heart.

In this unique position of First Lady she encourages, prays, and supports the man God has placed in her life. Her work is often carried out behind the scenes, but the work she does is vital. Like the Proverb 31 woman, she willingly works with her hands, she girds herself with strength. Strength and honor are her clothing. She rejoices in time to come. She

opens her mouth with wisdom, and on her tongue is the law of kindness. She watches over the ways of her household. She trusts her husband to lead and shepherd this great congregation.

Through her ministry, lives have been transformed, and hearts have been touched. We honor not just the work she does, but the heart in which she does it.

We thank God for using Lady Grant to make a difference.”

“As it says in Hebrews 6:10, ‘For God is not unjust to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do.’”

Written by Elder Linda Jones



Thanks to Elder Samuel Sprewer for reminding us, "It's not too late!"

You can still register to vote in the upcoming 2024 Presidential Election.

Here is the info for TENNESSEE.

**On the Edge of Great Change!**

As the months are counting down to the 2024 presidential election in the United States, much hangs in the balance. Serious issues are on the table pointing to vastly different directions for the country that will make a major impact on the entire world.

It's important to know your voice needs to be heard. You will prove to our ancestors that their struggles were not in vain. Leonardo DiCaprio said, "All of us may have been created equal. But we'll never actually be equal until we all vote. So don't wait."

We have the power to make a difference, but we need to VOTE!

Found at <https://vote.gov> How to register and update your registration Start or update your registration on Tennessee's election website.

You can also register to vote by mail or in person on Tennessee's election website. Voter registration deadlines for the Tuesday, November 5, 2024, election.

State and local election dates.  
 Online registration deadline: Monday, October 7, 2024  
 Register by mail deadline: Must be postmarked by Monday, October 7, 2024  
 In-person registration deadline: Monday, October 7, 2024

How to check your voter registration: You can confirm your voter registration status on Tennessee's election website.

**"Be the change you wish to see – vote for a brighter tomorrow."**



**VOTE**

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# THREE EASY WAYS TO GIVE

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine."  
*Proverbs 3:9-10 (NIV)*

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