

Get Connected
John 15

I. With the Person of Christ

- We are saved for Fellowship with Christ

John 17:3

This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

- Walking with Christ is a daily choice

II. With the People of Christ

Rick Warren

Even in the perfect, sinless environment of Eden, God said, "It is not good for man to be alone." We are created for fellowship and formed for a family. None of us can fulfill God's purpose by ourselves. The Bible knows nothing of solitary saints or spiritual hermits isolated from other believers and deprived of fellowship. The Bible says we are put together, joined together, built together and held together. You are not on your own anymore.

1 John 4:19 – We love because he first loved us.

Prov. 18:24 – He who would have friends must show himself friendly.

Dale Carnegie:

"You will make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get people interested in you."

Jesus Model for Relationships:

- Unmerited Love
- Unconditional Acceptance
- Unending Concern

1 Peter 4:8-10

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

- Unwavering Commitment

III. With the Purpose of Christ

John 20:21

Again Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

Acts 1:8

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 4:11-12

Jesus is the stone which was rejected by you, but which became the chief corner stone. "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."

Eric Simmons

"When a person who does not know Jesus scratches the surface of our life and witnesses our actions, our motives, our decisions, as well as how we handle our money, our time, our energy, our pleasure, and, most importantly of all, our sin, that person should be struck by how glorious Jesus is and how amazing the salvation he offers is."