

"How to Have a Wonderful Relationship With Your Higher Power"

Companion Study for Step 3

#1 *Decide Who your Higher Power will be —*

•**Exodus 20:1-5** "And God spoke all these words saying: 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. **You shall have NO OTHER GODS before (besides) Me.** You shall not make for yourself any carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you **SHALL NOT BOW DOWN** to them nor **SERVE** them...."

•**Joshua 24:14-15** "Now therefore, fear (reverence) the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. **Serve the Lord!** And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, **CHOOSE for yourselves** this day **whom you will serve**, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, **we will serve the Lord.**"

•**Hebrews 1:1-3** "God, who at various times and in different ways **spoke in time past** to the fathers **by the prophets**, has in these last days **SPOKEN TO US BY HIS SON**, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; **who being the brightness of His glory and the EXPRESS IMAGE OF HIS PERSON**, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when **He had by Himself purged our sins**, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high."

•**John 1:1-3 & 14** "In the **BEGINNING** was **the WORD**, and the Word was **with God**, and **THE WORD WAS GOD**. He was in the beginning with God. **All things were MADE THROUGH Him**, and without Him **nothing** was made that was made. And **the WORD BECAME FLESH** and **DWELT among us**, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

•**1 Timothy 3:16** "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **GOD was manifested in the FLESH**, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, **BELIEVED** on in the world, received up in glory."

•**John 5:20** "And we know that the **Son of God** has come, and has given us an understanding, that we may **KNOW HIM** who is true, and we are in **Him who is true**, in **His Son Jesus Christ**. **This is the TRUE GOD** and **ETERNAL LIFE.**"

**** If you choose the True and Living God, the God of the Bible, go on to the next step.**

#2 *Decide that, if the Lord is God, He must KNOW BETTER than you do HOW to have a relationship with Him —*

•**Proverbs 16:25** "There is a **WAY** that **SEEMS** right to a man, but its end is the way of death."

•**Psalm 86:11** "Teach me **YOUR WAY**, O Lord; I will walk in **Your truth**. Unite my heart to **fear Your name.**" *

•**Proverbs 9:10** "The **fear of the Lord** is the beginning of **WISDOM**, and the **KNOWLEDGE of the Holy One** is **UNDERSTANDING.**"

•**Proverbs 3:5-6** "**TRUST** in the Lord with all your heart, and do **not** lean (rely, **trust**) on **your own** understanding; in all your ways **acknowledge Him**, and He shall direct your paths."

•**John 14:6** "Jesus said to him, '**I AM the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE. NO ONE comes to the Father** except THROUGH ME.'"

•**1 Timothy 2:5** "For there is **ONE GOD**, and **one Mediator** between God and men, the Man **CHRIST JESUS**."

•**John 12:46** "I have come as a **LIGHT into the world**, that **whoever BELIEVES in Me** should NOT abide in **DARKNESS**."

•**Ephesians 5:8** "For you were **once DARKNESS**, but **NOW** you are **LIGHT in the Lord**. **WALK** as children of **LIGHT**."

•**Colossians 1:12-14** "Giving thanks to **the Father who has qualified us** to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the **LIGHT**. **He has DELIVERED us from the power of DARKNESS** and translated us into the kingdom of **the Son of His love**; in whom we have redemption through His blood, even the **FORGIVENESS** of sins."

•**Ephesians 4:14-15** "That we should **no longer be CHILDREN**, tossed to and fro and carried about with **EVERY WIND OF DOCTRINE**, by the **trickery of men**, in the **cunning CRAFTINESS** by which **they lie in wait to DECEIVE**, but, speaking the truth in love, may **grow up** in all things into **Him who is the head — Christ**."

•**Colossians 2:8-10** "**Beware** lest anyone **cheat you** through **philosophy and empty DECEIT**, according to the tradition of **MEN**, according to the basic **PRINCIPLES** of the **WORLD**, and **NOT** according to Christ. For **in Him (Christ) dwells all the fullness of the Godhead in bodily form**; and you are **COMPLETE** in **HIM**, who is the head of all principality and power."

#3 ***Decide to Obey God and Enter Relationship with Him According to His Revealed Will in the Bible —***

•**John 3:16-17** "For God so loved the world, that **He GAVE His only begotten Son**, that **whosoever believes in Him** should not perish, but have **EVERLASTING LIFE**. For God sent **NOT His Son** into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be **SAVED**."

•**John 1:12** "But as many as **RECEIVED Him**, to them **He gave the right** to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name."

•**Ephesians 2:4-7** "But God, who is rich in mercy, for **His great love with which He loved us**, even when we were dead in sins, has **made us alive together with Christ** (by grace are you saved), and has raised us up together, and has made us to sit together in heavenly places with Christ Jesus; that **in the ages to come, He might SHOW the exceeding riches of His GRACE in His kindness towards us** in Christ Jesus."

•**Romans 5:1-2** "Therefore, having been justified **by faith**, we have **PEACE with God through our Lord Jesus Christ**, through whom also we have **ACCESS by faith** into this **grace** in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

•**1 Thessalonians 1:9-10** "For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how **you TURNED to God** from **IDOLS to serve the LIVING and TRUE God**, and to wait for His Son from **HEAVEN**, whom He **RAISED** from the **DEAD**, even Jesus who **DELIVERS** us from the wrath to come."

•**11 Corinthians 5:21** "For He made **Him who knew no sin (Jesus) to BE SIN FOR US**, that we might become the **RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD** in Him."

•**Matthew 7:21-23** "NOT everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who **DOES the WILL** of My Father in heaven. **MANY** will say to Me in that day, '**Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied (preached) in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?**' And then I will declare to them, '**I NEVER KNEW YOU**; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"

***Definition:** "**The Fear of the Lord**" — Reverential **AWE** and **RESPECT** for God, especially as **EVIDENCED** by **OBEDIENCE** to His commands and **DOING His will**. As

we OBEY God's commands that we see in His word, He will REVEAL **more of His will** for our lives to us. Why should He give us more detailed information if we don't obey even the simplest commandments that are revealed in His word? What is God's will, and what are His commandments? **John 6:40**, "This is the **WILL of Him who sent Me**, that everyone who sees the **Son** and **BELIEVES in Him** may have everlasting life..." **I John 3:23** "And **this is His commandment**: that we should **BELIEVE** on the name of **His Son Jesus Christ**, and love one another." **Deuteronomy 10:12-13** "And now, Israel, what does the Lord require of you, but to **FEAR the LORD your God**, to walk in **ALL His ways** and **to LOVE Him**, to serve the Lord your God **with all your HEART** and with all your soul." Jesus said, "If God were your Father, you would LOVE ME, for I proceeded forth and came from God." (John 8:42)

GOD wants to have a relationship with **YOU --**

Both now, and for all eternity!

Pray this prayer and receive Jesus Christ as your personal Savior today!

Almighty God, I come to You in the Name of Jesus, recognizing that I am a sinner. You said in Your word, "...If you shall confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD, and shall believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, YOU SHALL BE SAVED" (Romans 10:9)

I believe in my heart that JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD. I believe that JESUS, the sinless Son of God, PAID THE PENALTY ON THE CROSS for MY SINS, that HE WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD, and I accept Him as my Lord and Savior.

Lord Jesus, come into my heart and take control of my life!

If you have prayed this prayer **sincerely from your heart**, then the Bible says you are now a child of God, you have been **born again**, and your sins are forgiven. It is your **FAITH** in the **PERSON of Jesus Christ** that saves you, **not** any religious works of your own or good deeds you may do. Ephesians 2:8-9 says, "For by **GRACE** are you saved through **FAITH**; and that **NOT** of yourselves,

it is the **GIFT OF GOD, NOT of WORKS**, lest any man should boast."

Welcome to the family of God! God is now your heavenly Father.

Romans 8:15 "For you did not receive the **SPIRIT of bondage again to FEAR**, but you received the **Spirit of ADOPTION by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father.'** The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are **children of God.**" **Galatians 3:26** "For you are all children of God **THROUGH faith in CHRIST JESUS.**"

Definition: "ABBA, FATHER" — Abba means "Papa" or "Daddy" in the Aramaic language. This **WARM and LOVING, INTIMATE relationship with God** is only possible **through faith in Jesus Christ**, and by **INVITING Him into your heart.**