

Part E. Relating to God

Being Right with God

Turn from sin to God and believe in Jesus Christ

[PAUL:] To Jews and Gentiles alike I gave solemn warning that *they should turn from their sins to God and believe in our Lord Jesus.*

ACTS 20:21 GNT

We need to believe Jesus Christ to be the means of forgiveness of sins, with what he achieved by his death. As such, we are to trust in him for God's forgiveness of our own sins. In doing so we are considered righteous by God, and granted eternal life.

Believing in Jesus Christ brings eternal life

For this is the way God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that *everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.* JOHN 3:16 NET

We can be sure of being forgiven

But if we confess our sins to God, *he can always be trusted to forgive us and take our sins away.* 1 JOHN 1:9 CEV

Having Faith in God

Do not fear – trust in God

[DAVID:] *When I am afraid, I will trust you.* ⁴I praise God for his word. *I trust God, so I am not afraid. What can human beings do to me?* PSALMS 56:3–4 NCV™

Do not worry

Do not worry about anything, but pray and ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks. ⁷And God's peace, which is so great we cannot understand it, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. PHILIPPIANS 4:6–7 NCV™

Loving and Obeying God

Love God with all your heart

Jesus answered: *Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind.* ³⁸*This is the first and most important commandment.*

MATTHEW 22:37–38 CEV

Persistently read God's word and obey it

He is to keep this book [of God's teachings] near him and read from it all his life, so that he will learn to honor the LORD and to obey faithfully everything that is commanded in it. DEUTERONOMY 17:19 GNT

Make Jesus Christ your Lord

Honor Christ and *let him be the Lord of your life.* 1 PETER 3:15A CEV

Connecting with God

Keep on seeking God, with all your heart

Now *seek the LORD your God wholeheartedly and with your entire being!* 1 CHRONICLES 22:19A NET

Pray to God, as a caring father

So pray this way: Our Father in heaven, may your name be honored, ... MATTHEW 6:9 NET

Exalting God

Praise God constantly

Our sacrifice is to *keep offering praise to God* in the name of Jesus. HEBREWS 13:15 CEV

Always be thankful

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, *always give thanks for everything to God the Father.* EPHESIANS 5:20 GNT