

(BASICS | PHASE 2/DISCIPLESHIP)

POINTS OF OBSERVATION

TO EXPERIENCE RESURRECTION POWER/P2 SALVATION

1. The word abide means to remain, stay, reside, dwell
2. Abide for the believer means to obey his words/commands 1Jn3:24
3. **Salvation** requires us to **believe in Jesus** as Savior Jn.4:42
4. **Discipleship** requires us to **obey Jesus** as Lord Lk. 6:46
5. When someone say's "**Jesus is my Lord and Savior,**" what that should mean is "**I'm saved by faith,** and **I'm a disciple by volition/choice.**"
6. **IT'S POSSIBLE TO KNOW GOD IN THE SALVATION SENSE BUT NOT INTIMATELY EVEN AFTER 3 YEARS** as seen with philip who was a disciple.(JN 14:9)
7. **Violate any of these and you grieve GHS, thus nullifying the resurrection power that could have been yours to live out the spiritual life.**

The subject of Discipleship is frequently discussed today. Men are called to become disciples without any definition of the concept, and without any clarification of the requirements the Lord makes of those who are His disciples.

Discipleship is frequently equated with salvation and often erroneously made a condition for becoming a Christian. Thus many are confused about their relationship to Jesus Christ.

Dwight Pentecost
Design for Discipleship

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Justification

Past (Phase 1)

*I Have Been Saved From the
Penalty of Sin*

Free

Christian

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Sanctification

Present (Phase 2)

*I Am Being Saved From the
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Glorification

Future (Phase 3)

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Face to Face

Glorified Bodies

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⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. Rom. 5:8-9

¹¹ And *do* this, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation *is* nearer than when we *first* believed. Rom.13:11

**10 For whoever shall keep the whole law,
and yet stumble in one *point*, he is guilty of
all.**

James 2:10

**17 Therefore, to him who knows to do good
and does not do *it*, to him it is sin.**

James 4:17

**³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,
by whom you were sealed for the day of
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¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit, 1 Thess 5:19

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SHOULD BELIEVERS WORK ON THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD? WHY OR WHY NOT?

BY DOING THINGS SUCH AS

praying,

Reading your Bible,

going to church

This confuses relationship and fellowship with God.

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1. Relationship and Fellowship with God are to be distinguished
2. Relationship relates to our POSITION in Christ.
3. FELLOWSHIP relates to our EXPERIENCE with Christ
4. Our relationship with Christ is not visible to the eye
5. Our Fellowship/Discipleship should be visible to the eye Jn. 13:34-35
6. 1 John 1:9 must be a SOP for the believer to sustain fellowship with God
- 7A. Violate any of these and you grieve GHS, which prevents you from walking by means of the Spirit, resulting in no power to live the spiritual life.
- 7B. Believer will be operating from the energy of the flesh/carnality

Relationship is not the same thing as fellowship. Our salvation is based on our relationship to God. However, the level of our discipleship determines our fellowship with God.

A relationship with God begins the moment one receives salvation. However, fellowship with God is sustained through discipleship.

3 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” JOHN 3:1-2

**23 Now when He was in Jerusalem at the
Passover, during the feast, many
believed in His name when they saw
the signs which He did. JOHN 2:23**

³ Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

John 3:3

4 Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”

John 3:4

**That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and
that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.**

John 3:6

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that **whoever believes** in **Him should not perish** but **have everlasting** **life.**

John 3:16

5 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him.

1 Jn 5:1

20 If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

1 Jn 4:20

³⁰ And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name. John 20:30-31

² as newborn babes, **desire the pure** milk of **the word,** that you may grow thereby,

1 Peter 2:2

THOSE IN-CHRIST should Desire the Word

Believers are to be eager for the nourishment of the Word as babies are for milk.

The Word that caused us to be born again is the same word that causes growth. Sadly many believers choose starvation.

¹⁴ 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 of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—

Eph. 4:14-15

1⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love

Eph. 4:16

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1. The great teacher of Israel came to talk to the Jesus at night
2. The signs prompted Nicodemus to speak to Christ.
3. Jesus spoke of two births
4. One birth relates to spiritual birth the other relates to physical birth
5. Nicodemus was the first to hear what born again means Jn 3:16
6. Your faith in Christ should lead you to love the brethren.
- 7A. Those in Christ should desire the Word
- 7B Paul instruct believers to no longer be children meaning its possible to remain immature/juvenile.