

## Why do I need to be in an active relationship with the living God? 12 Answers

1. Because only God can save my soul, my will, from the current and eternal destruction both to me and others that results from my will being controlled by the evil, self-willed human nature with which I was born. If it is sufficiently motivated my human nature's actions can briefly improve, but its self-willed not God-willed nature remains unchanged:

Eph 2:2-3 **You used to live just like the rest of the world, full of sin, obeying Satan...the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. All of us used to live that way, following the passions and desires of our evil nature. We were born with an evil nature...**(from which we must be saved). NLT

2. Because only God can, if I am willing, progressively impart to my spirit His own good, loving, righteous, wise, joyous, peaceful, trusting, holy and very powerful divine nature.

Luke 18:19 (Jesus) **...No one is good but One, that is, God.**

2 Pet 1:4 **There have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises (God's words) so that by these you can partake of the (good) divine nature...**

2 Cor 3:18 **We all...seeing as in a mirror (the bible) the glory of the Lord (God revealing Himself) are being transformed into His likeness...by the Spirit of the Lord.**

3. Because only God has the ability to take really good care of me, to keep me from all harm and to help, rescue and deliver me every time when trouble arises in my life.

1 Pet 5:7 **Leave all your worries with God, because He cares for you.** TEV

Prov 1:33 **Whoever listens to Me will live safely, and be secure, without fear of evil.**

Ps 23:4 **Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod (word) and Your staff (Spirit) they comfort me.**

4. Because only when I am living as God's child do I become part of His world wide family of other true Christians, with each of whom I can enjoy the most intimate spiritual fellowship, that far exceeds anything that blood relatives can ever experience.

Eph 1:5 **God's unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself in and by Jesus Christ. This gave Him great pleasure.** NLT

1 John 1:7 **If we are living in the light of God's presence...then we have wonderful fellowship and joy with each other, and the (spiritual) blood of Jesus His Son (the Holy Spirit) keeps us clean from, removes us from, every sin.** TLB/AMP

5. Because God alone is my creator, and He made me for Himself, therefore it is only when I am truly His, that my life can know real significance, fruitfulness and fulfillment.

Ps 100:3 **Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.**

Prov 27:20 **...The eyes of people (living apart from God) are never satisfied.** KJV

Prov 19:23 **The fear of the LORD** (the instruction of God's words is) **life: and those that have it (Him) will live satisfied; they will not be visited with evil.** KJV

Ps 144:15 **...Happy are the people whose God is the LORD!**

6. Because only when I'm living in Him, can He make Himself known to others through me, which is by far the greatest gift, Himself, that I could ever impart to another person.

John 15:8 **By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit** (the fruit of our lips speaking His word by His Spirit to others); **so you will be My disciples.**

12 **This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.**

16 **...I ordained you that you should go and bear fruit...**

17 **These things I command you, that you love one another** (by bearing much fruit)

7. Because Satan now rules the world, as a result of what happened in Genesis chapter 3, and because he and other fallen angels are stronger than I am; Therefore I am utterly dependant on God to keep me safe and deliver me from the ever present temptation to think and act on the God opposing thoughts that come to me from the devil and people.

1 Jo 5:19 **...The whole world is under the rule** (through thoughts) **of the Evil One.**

2 Cor 2:11 **Lest Satan should get the advantage over us** (also, like he has the rest of the world who don't know these truths); **for we are not ignorant of his thoughts.**

2 Cor 10:4-5 **For the weapons of our warfare** (against Satan) **are mighty** (when we live) **in God** (they are, His words and His Spirit) **for the purpose of...bringing every** (God opposing) **thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ** (in us),

1 Jo 4:4 **...Greater is He (God) Who is in you, than he (Satan) who is in the world.**

8. Because, other than knowing He exists, God, Who is Spirit, is not knowable to my human intelligence, only to that part He put in me, my spirit or heart. Therefore only when I'm in a spiritual relationship with Him can He reveal more of Himself to me, and unveil to me the otherwise mysteries of: Christ, faith, sanctification and His Kingdom of heaven.

Eph 4:17 **...You should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their** (natural human) **mind** (from which Christ is hidden),

Phil 2:5 **Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus** (the Holy Spirit),

Matt 13:11 **Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them** (who live by natural reasoning) **it has not been given.**

9. Because apart from Him I cannot make consistently good, right choices, but as my decision making shifts from my flawed natural mind to the mind of His Holy Spirit living in my spirit He then shows me the way that I should choose, so that His will is always done.

Ps 25:12 **Who is the person who fears the Lord** (receives the instruction of His words)? **That one God shall teach in the way that he should choose.** AMP

**Ps 73:24 You will guide me with Your counsel, And afterward receive me to glory.**

**Rom 8:14 As many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the children of God.**

**10.** Because most of the world is under Satan's influence and so unavailable to God, the only way God has a right to impact their lives is through the prayers of those that belong to Him. These are prayers He inspires, that are in His will and that I believe with the faith He Himself imparts to me. The prayers are for those He knows in advance that they will respond to Him, so that therefore they will come to pass – so now others can be saved.

**Rom 8:26-27 The Holy Spirit...inspires prayers through us that are in the will of God**

**Matt 21:22 (Jesus) Whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.**

**Heb 12:2 ...Jesus (God's living word and Spirit) the source and increaser of our faith...**

**Rom 8:29 For whom God foreknew (knew in advance if they would receive Him) , He also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of His Son...**

**11.** Because only God living by His words and by His Spirit, Christ, in my spirit can cause me to walk in love toward other people. In particular forgiving everyone of everything from my heart, for Christ's sake, being certain that Christ bore their sins as well as He did mine

**Eph 5:2 Walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us...**

**Eph 4:32 Be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.**

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**Gal 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.**

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**12.** Because without being in continual union with Him now, He cannot fulfill His desire to secure my eternity in heaven with Him, and through me, secure the eternity in heaven with Him of potentially many others. The only alternative to this, since once He has created our spirits they cannot cease to exist, is an eternity without Him in the darkness and torment of the lake of fire that was primarily intended for the devil and his demons.

**Heb 5:9 ...Christ became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,**

**Ezek 36:27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My words, and you will keep My words and do them (obey them).**

**John 15:5 (Jesus) ...For without me you can do nothing (to secure anyone's eternity).**

**Col 1:28 Christ we preach, warning every person and teaching every person in all wisdom, that we may present every person perfect (who live) in Christ Jesus.**

**Rev 20:15 Anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire**

**This, in part, is why I need God and this is also why God needs me**