

Week 1. God: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Develop an intimate friendship with God.

(2 Corinthians 13:14 Message) The amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you.

The Trinity

- God the **Father** loves me.
- God the **Son** saves me.
- God the **Holy Spirit** is with me.

Living in Relationship with God

(Galatians 4:8-9) Formerly, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those who by nature are not gods. But now that you know God--or rather are known by God--how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable principles? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again?

1. See God as a Father.

(Matthew 7:9-11) "Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"

2. Approach God through relationship not rules.

(John 5:39-40) "You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life."

3. Give God my whole heart.

(Jeremiah 29:13-14) "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the LORD.

Relationship changes everything.