

# WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT CHRISTIAN RELATIONSHIPS

**INTRODUCTION:** When people get saved, they begin a new relationship. They move from the devil's family to God's family. You now have a new spiritual family with many brothers and sisters. All born again believers are members of the family of God. Now, how should a Christian relate to their new family?

## I. HOW AM I TO RELATE TO OTHER CHRISTIANS?

**THE BIBLE SAYS:** ROM 8:29 I JN 3:1-2 JN 1:12  
ROM 9:8 JN 8:44 HEB 2:9-12

### FROM THIS WE LEARN:

1. There are many brethren. Rom 8:29
2. We are now called sons of God. I Jn 3:1-2
3. We become sons of God when we receive Christ. Jn 1:12
4. Until we are born again, we are children of the flesh- not children of God. Rom 9:8
5. Two families are mentioned in the Bible-the devil's family & God's family. Jn 8:44
6. When we receive Christ—the Captain of our salvation—we become brethren. Heb 2:9-12

## II. WHAT ARE MY RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARD OTHER CHRISTIANS?

**THE BIBLE SAYS:** I THESS 1:2 I TIM 1:3 JAMES 5:16  
GAL 6:10 ROM 12:13 GAL 6:1-2 ROM 15:1-2  
HEB 13:3 I THES 5:11 PHIL 2:3-4 MATT 20:25-28

### FROM THIS WE LEARN:

1. We are to pray for each other. I Thess 1:2; I Tim 1:3; Ja 5:16
2. We are to minister to each other physically. Gal 6:10; Rom 12:13
3. We are to minister to each other spiritually. Gal 6:1-2; Rom 15:1-2; Heb 13:3
3. We are to encourage and strengthen one another. I Thess 5:11
4. We are to serve one another. Phil 2:3-4; Eph 4:32; Col 3:13

## III. WHAT SHOULD BE MY ATTITUDE TOWARD OTHER CHRISTIANS?

**THE BIBLE SAYS:** I JN 3:14-16 I PET 4:8 ROM 15:5-7  
I JN 3:17-18 JAMES 2:15-16 EPH 4:32 COL 3:13  
ROM 16:16-18 II COR 6:14-17 I TIM 6:5 II JN 9-10

### FROM THIS WE LEARN:

1. Learn to love other Christians. I Jn 3:14-16; I Pet 4:8
2. Be patient with other Christians. Rom 15:5-7
3. Be sensitive to their needs. I Jn 3:17-18; Ja 2:15-16
4. Be forgiving of each other. Eph 4:32; Col 3:13
5. Avoid Christians whose doctrine is contrary to your faith. Rom 16:16-18
6. Avoid worldly Christians whose lifestyles testify to their lack of separation from the world. II Cor 6:14-17
7. Avoid Christians who seek to compromise truth in your life. I Tim 6:5
8. Avoid cults who are in error on the fundamentals of the faith. II Jn 9-10

## IV. WHAT DOES THE TERM FELLOWSHIP MEAN?

**THE BIBLE SAYS:** II COR 1:11 ROM 1:12 II COR 8:4  
GAL 2:9 PHIL 3:10 I PET 4:13 I JN 1:3-7

### FROM THIS WE LEARN:

1. We fellowship together for prayer. II Cor 1:11
2. We fellowship together for faith. Rom 1:12
3. We fellowship together for ministry. II Cor 8:4; Gal 2:9
4. We fellowship together in suffering. Phil 3:10; I Pet 4:13
5. We fellowship with Christ. I Jn 1:3-7