

As God (Part 1)

How should I _____ other people?

Treat others the way _____ has treated you.

We are to be _____ of God

(Ephesians 5:1–2) Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children {2} and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

(2 Peter 1:4) Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

(Romans 8:15) For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba, Father.*”

_____ as God has _____ us

(John 13:34) “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

(1 John 4:19) We love because he first loved us.

(Romans 5:8) But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

(1 Peter 2:24) He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

(1 John 3:16) This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

_____ as God has _____ us

(Ephesians 4:32) Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

(Colossians 3:13) Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

(Colossians 3:13 NASB) bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so *must* you *do* also.

(Matthew 6:12) Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

(Psalm 103:12) as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

(Hebrews 10:17) Then he adds: “Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.”

(1 John 1:9) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

(Matthew 18:21-35) Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he

sins against me? Up to seven times?” {22} Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. {23} “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. {24} As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. {25} Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. {26} “The servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ {27} The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. {28} “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded. {29} “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.’ {30} “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. {31} When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed and went and told their master everything that had happened. {32} “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. {33} Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ {34} In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. {35} “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart.”

others as Christ has us

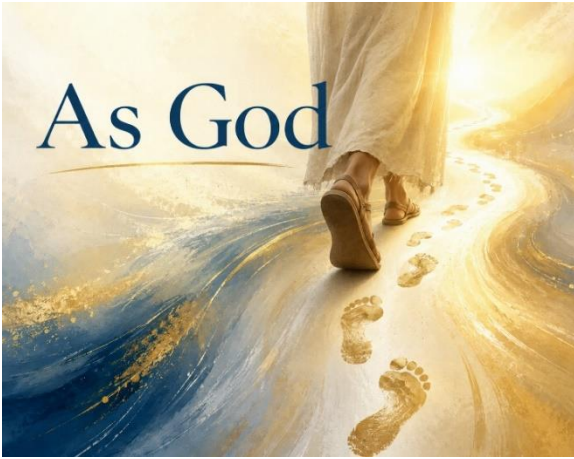
(Romans 15:7) Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

(Luke 15:11–32) Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. {12} The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. {13} “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. {14} After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. {15} So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. {16} He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. {17} “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! {18} I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. {19} I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.’ {20} So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. {21} “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ {22} “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. {23} Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. {24} For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate. {25} “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. {26} So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. {27} ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ {28} “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. {29} But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. {30} But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’ {31} “ ‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. {32} But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ ”

yourself as Christ Himself

(Philippians 2:5–8) Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: {6} Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, {7} but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. {8} And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross!

(Mark 10:43–44) Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, {44} and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.



As God (Part 2)

as God

(John 3:16) “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

(Romans 8:32) He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

(Galatians 6:10) Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

(2 Corinthians 9:7–8) Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. {8} And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

(Acts 4:34–35) There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales {35} and put it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need.

Be as God as

(Luke 6:36) Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

(Matthew 5:48) Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

(Romans 5:10) For if, when we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

Be because He is

(1 Peter 1:14–16) As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.

{15} But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; {16} for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”

as the Son of Man came to

(Mark 10:45) For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

(John 13:1–17) It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. {2} The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. {3} Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come

from God and was returning to God; {4} so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. {5} After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. {6} He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" {7} Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." {8} "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." {9} "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" {10} Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." {11} For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. {12} When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. {13} "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. {14} Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. {15} I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. {16} I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. {17} Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

_____ as Christ _____

(Hebrews 12:3) Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

(1 Peter 2:21) To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

(1 Peter 2:22–23) "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." {23} When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

Be _____ as the Father and Son are _____

(John 17:21) that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

Speak _____ as God speaks _____

(Ephesians 4:25) Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

(James 5:12) Above all, my brothers, do not swear—not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. Let your "Yes" be yes, and your "No," no, or you will be condemned.

(Titus 1:2) a faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time,

(John 17:17) Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

Walk in the _____ as He is in the _____

(1 John 1:7) But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

Be _____ as God is _____

(Luke 6:35) But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.

Love your _____ as Christ loves the _____

(Ephesians 5:25) Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her

The _____ that makes this possible

(2 Peter 1:3–4) His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. {4} Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

(Galatians 2:20) I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

The _____, the _____, and the _____

The Great _____

Treat _____ the way God has treated _____