

# What God Expects

## [NEW BELIEVER'S] Bible Study

### Study 7

In the last lesson, we learned that every knee will bow at the name of Jesus, the Son of God. Now we need to learn what God expects us to do, as His people.

Let's begin this study by memorizing Matthew 22:37:

**JESUS REPLIED, 'YOU MUST LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, ALL YOUR SOUL, AND ALL YOUR MIND.'**

As Christians, we should always remember what God expects from us. He wants us to fear Him, follow Him, and serve Him wholeheartedly.

And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you? He requires you to fear him, to live according to his will, to love and worship him with all your heart and soul. (Deuteronomy 10:12)

In this lesson, you will learn:

- We should fear God.
- We should love Him and obey Him.
- We should serve Him from our hearts.

As you work on this study, do not simply copy the verses as you answer these questions. Use your own words and thoughts.

*Fear* does not mean being afraid or frightened of God. To fear God means to respect Him, have reverence for His holiness, and to be in awe of His majesty and glory.

1. What does God promise for those who fear Him?

(Luke 1:50) \_\_\_\_\_

(Acts 10:35) \_\_\_\_\_

2. What does the Bible say about fearing the Lord?

(Proverbs 1:7) \_\_\_\_\_

(Proverbs 9:10) \_\_\_\_\_

(Proverbs 15:16) \_\_\_\_\_

The Greek word *agape*, translated "love" or "charity," means the selfless, giving love that comes from God. It is a sacrificing, caring love that seeks what is best for others and not itself. To get a better idea of what *agape* is, read 1 John 4:7–5:5.

The Bible defines *agape* in 1 Corinthians 13:4–7. Read this passage and substitute the name Jesus in the place of love (or charity) to see how He fits the definition. Then try it with your own name and see how it fits you!

3. Why do we love God? (1 John 4:19) \_\_\_\_\_

4. What did Jesus say the most important commandment was? (Mark 12:29–30)

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5. What other commandment did He say was also important? (Mark 12:31) \_\_\_\_\_

6. If we are to love God, what else must we do? (1 John 4:20–21) \_\_\_\_\_

7. What will we do if we truly love the Lord?

(John 14:23) \_\_\_\_\_

(1 John 5:2–3) \_\_\_\_\_

To serve God involves putting faith into action. Our faith demonstrates itself through our good works. *Works* means “deeds” or “actions.” Read James 2:14–26.

8. James said we should not just be hearers of God’s Word. What else should we do? (James 1:22)

9. What does Jesus say about the man who hears His words and then puts them into action?

(Matthew 7:24–27) \_\_\_\_\_

10. When we do good works or deeds for others, who does Jesus say we are really serving?

(Matthew 25:31–40) \_\_\_\_\_

11. What was God’s purpose for creating us in Christ Jesus? (Ephesians 2:10)

12. If a Christian does a lot of good works, but love (*agape*) is not the reason for doing them, what does the Bible say about that person? (1 Corinthians 13:1–3) \_\_\_\_\_

13. The Bible says we are to do good works. Are we saved by doing them?

(Ephesians 2:8–9) \_\_\_\_\_

(Titus 3:5) \_\_\_\_\_

All your good deeds, your works, should come from your heart. They should not be just an outward show for others to see. When the Lord looks at your works and judges them, He does not see the outward appearance of the work, but your inward motive. The outward actions of going to church, witnessing, doing good works, etc., do not make you a Christian. Going to church does not make you a Christian any more than eating fast food makes you a hamburger! You are a Christian because Jesus has come inside your heart. Then your outward actions show others what has happened inside your heart.

14. When we serve God from a true heart, what will unbelievers do when they see our good works?

(Matthew 5:16) \_\_\_\_\_

(1 Peter 2:12) \_\_\_\_\_

Write out your memory verse below:

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If you have any questions or prayer requests, please enclose a note with this lesson.

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