



What does God expect of you?

I. God _____ you to _____.

A. Biblical _____.

GENESIS 2:16-17; MICAH 6:8; MATTHEW 5:48

[SEE ALSO: 1 TIMOTHY 3:1-13; TITUS 1:6-9]

B. God _____ of you
than He _____ of any other child of God.

C. God _____
from all humanity and each individual.

II. You are _____.

A. _____ . GENESIS 2:15-17; 3:6; ROMANS 3:23

B. The _____ of the _____. ROMANS 7:7-11; 3:10-12, 23

C. The _____ of _____. ROMANS 6:23; REVELATION 20:14

III. God _____ to _____ you _____.

A. God is _____. 2 PETER 3:9

B. God is _____. ACTS 17:29-31

C. God is _____. JOHN 3:16; ROMANS 5:8; EPHESIANS 2:8-9

2. Explain why it is foolish to think that you can make it to heaven by living a good life.

(SEE JAMES 2:10; PSALM 53:2-3; LUKE 18:18-19.)

3. Explain the difference between “*God requires perfection*” and “*God expects perfection*”?

PERSONAL APPLICATION

- Is there an area of your life where you have given up trying to improve because it seems hopeless? Read 1 JOHN 3:1-3 and write out what you think God wants you to do about this issue.

If you have never been *born again*, contact Pastor Keith or a trusted Christian friend this week to find out how.

- IV. You should now _____
_____ to God's _____.
- A. God _____ from you.
- B. God will _____ you _____
through Jesus Christ.
- C. You should live a _____ in gratitude
for God's _____ of salvation. MATTHEW 5:48
- Conclusion: Strive to _____
through ever-increasing _____.

FELLOWSHIP GROUP QUESTION

- Why do people generally expect those in leadership to live according to a higher standard than others? Is that justified?

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Give three examples from MATTHEW 5 that illustrate how God's standards are far higher than most people think.

2. Read 1 TIMOTHY 3:1-13 AND TITUS 1:6-9.
 - Why do you think these qualifications are so demanding for those in church leadership?

 - To what extent do you think God wants **all** believers to live up to those standards? Explain your answer.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Many believe that God knows that no one is perfect so He will judge people not by the standard of perfection, but by the relative amount of good deeds as opposed to bad deeds. How should a Christian respond to this? Defend your answer.