



## THE GLUE~ The Resurrection Says Relationship

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**The 1 minute Glue:** Through the cross, Jesus, paid the full price to have relational harmony with you. He took the full blame for your mistakes, failures, rebellion, stubbornness, hatred, malice, perversion, desire for evil, murderous thoughts, blatant disregard, the worst thing you can think of and more. He took it all and paid for every part and left nothing wanting. In so doing He purchased your adoption and gave you a place with Him forever!

Why the cross, the resurrection, God coming to us? The truth is Jesus wants to be our best friend. He loves us unconditionally. He will never turn us away or withhold His love. He displayed this to us and the whole world through the cross. We get as much of Him as we want and He is more than enough for us. He likes us and wants to bless us with what we need and what we desire that is right and good for us. The cross declares a love that is so jealous for you that Christ was willing to lay down His life for it. He will not share you with another. He says I want you. He wants us to be in the place where He is. This is the Person that we love and celebrate today.

I want to discuss the obstacles and questions that keep us from living fully in this reality. What is relationship? Why do we have such a hard time with relationship with God? What is God's desire for relationship with us?

### What is Relationship?

Relationship is how you are connected, bonded, associated or linked with another being. It is that simple!

There are different levels of relationship, from the relationship you have with a waiter at a restaurant to your most intimate friend. In Ancient Greece, relationship was a fellowship or brotherhood bound by solemn oath. Intimate relationships are described as having the follow traits: interdependence, repeated interaction and time together, emotional attachment, and the fulfillment of heartfelt needs. All of us have a universal need to belong and have relationships. God created us for relationship with Him and others.

The bible describes God as being a personal creator, designing His creation for relationship and purpose. The bible also speaks of many relationships that are likened to God's relationship with His people. Such as the relationship of the grape vine to its branches; a husband to his bride; a child to their father or mother; a Shepherd to his flock; a brother to his siblings; a friend to a friend; a master or king to his servants; and a commander to his soldier. These are examples of the multifaceted levels God wants to relate to us in relationship.

### Why do we have such a hard time with relationship with God?

**Genesis 3 describes the problem.** Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, **"Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'"** (Satan begins to attack the relationship.) 2 And the woman said to the serpent, **"We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'"** 4 Then the serpent said to the woman, **"You will not surely die.** (Degrading God's Character - God is a liar) 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." (The lie: God is withholding from you, you can be your own god, Satan works in lies and when we embrace them, interdependence ends and self-sufficiency begins) 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 **Then** the eyes of both of them were opened, and **they knew that they were naked;** (the day shame and guilt

came in) and they **sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings**. (sin makes you delusional) 8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. (They once walked in freedom and innocence and now they hide from goodness.) 9 Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, "**Where are you?**" (My beloved son and daughter, I long for relationship with you, where are you? God is seeking out the sinning couple. Sin often distorts our idea of God and erects barriers that keep us unwilling/unwanting to approach Him but God will come to us and call us out.) 10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." (What changed, God or them?) 11 And He said, "**Who told you that you were naked?** (You were not made to carry this knowledge; this is the perverse twist that sin has introduced into the human race.) Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" (Have you broken our agreement and fallen from our intimate relationship? Then the blame game begins and the curse of disobedience is given.) ...20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the **mother of all living**. (This broken relationship is passed on to all) 21 Also for Adam and his wife **the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them**. (The Lord made a lasting covering and this reveals his love even in the fall) 22 Then the Lord God said, "**Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever**" — 23 therefore **the Lord God sent him out of the garden of Eden** (for love's sake so that man would not stay in this fallen state forever – God would make provision later to reconcile man from his disobedience) *to till the ground from which he was taken.* 24 So He **drove out the man** (the passion of God to redeem, it was grace that drove the couple out of the garden.) and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, **to guard the way to the tree of life.**" That man would never live in this state forever. The state of an orphan, fallen from his created purpose of walking with God and relating to God on an intimate level. The tree of life would have sealed the deal and no redemption would have been available to them and God would not have that. He is the God of second chances, the one who set us upright again.

**How do we recover after such a fall?** (We cannot work our way back into perfection!)

**First God has to create a way!** (The reason we celebrate Easter!)

For God so loved the world (that He created a way) that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. **John 3:16-17** He came to save and redeem, not to turn you away. The Father's heart is open and wanting you! He could not have communicated a greater love than this!

For when we were still **without strength**, in due time Christ died **for the ungodly**. (that would be us!) For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. **8 But God** (He took it all the way- beyond human!) **demonstrates His own love toward us** (the cross says I love you), *in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* **Rom 5:6-8** When everything said, 'don't do it God, we are Your enemies, we hate You and Your ways, we've been rebellious from birth.' God said, 'No I will love you!' It is not based on your evil or anything you have done but God's goodness. My (Gods) love conquers all sin, evil and demonic. I will not wait for you to get it because you never will in your sin; I am not waiting for you to clean up your life. My mercy and love are chasing you down. My blood was spilt for you and I will help you to understand it. Turn and come to Me says the Lord. You will never be good enough for His salvation but He is more than enough for you and He will give it to you!

**How does this work? How do I get forgiven and adopted into God's forever family?**

Through the cross, Jesus, paid the full price to have relational harmony with you. He took the full blame for your mistakes, failures, rebellion, stubbornness, hatred, malice, perversion, desire for evil, murderous thoughts, blatant disregard, the worst thing you can think of and more. He took it all and paid for every part and left nothing wanting. In so doing He purchased your adoption and gave you a place with Him forever!

**Second we must come into harmony and agree with God's way.**

**Harmony** - to agree, to fit or seam together. Harmony is what happens when two are connected so well that they appear to be one. Through Christ, God brings us up to a place where we can once again walk in friendship, peace, intimacy, unity and harmony with GOD. God does it all – you are the patient, He is the doctor!

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, all things **have become new**. (all things are become new. KJV) Now all things are of God, who has **reconciled** (to make different, prepared to accept, to call back into union and friendship the affections which have been alienated; to restore to friendship or favor after estrangement) us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation... **2 Cor 5:17-18**

It was God [personally present] in Christ, reconciling and restoring the world to favor with Himself, not counting up and holding against [men] their trespasses [but cancelling them... **2 Cor 5:19 Amplified** To bring you into favor.

...**having made peace through the blood of His cross**. And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, **to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight.** **Col 1:20-22**

Have you encountered the risen Christ and come into agreement and harmony with His salvation; Through faith, trusting in Him to be your Savior/Hero/doctor and Lord? *Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...* **Rom 5:1** Do you want some?

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No one is perfect enough to save you but Jesus. I can't hold you up to know His love and to fall in love with Him. Maybe you think God is mostly mad or sad over your life but the truth is He wants to save you and hold you in His love. He loves to forgive and give mercy, God doesn't forgive begrudgingly. He wants to show Himself strong on your behalf.

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