

Matthew 6:33; 1 John 2:6; 2 Chronicles 16:9

SUMMARY:

THE MOST IMPORTANT FOUNDATIONAL UNDERSTANDINGS FOR ALL OF LIFE ●¹

(Everything we do must come from God as a Source, and He must work all things together for our good.)

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TERSE SUMMARY

- 1. We must be outcome oriented to become maximally mature in Christ-likeness for eternity and then also be procedurally oriented to live out the principles by which we become maximumly mature. We are now to gain maximum maturity.
- 2. Our God, alone, is infinitely perfect and has all and the only perfect attributes that exist. ●²
- 3. Being perfect and singly qualified, God works all things together in our lives for good. Only then can we live perfect lives and without sin.
- 4. For God to work all things in our lives to the greatest, we must: (1) be maximally mature in Christ-likeness, living by responsive mature love and faith knowing and living by His commandments and promises; and (2) live as Christ does with all things coming only from God the Father as a source; now only from the Bible.
- 5. Living in this manner, as we obey God, we glorify God for who and what He is and we live mature in Christ-likeness.
- 6. When God works in all of us in heaven (being Christians), working all things together for good, with us having different maturities, gifts and tasks, we will observe and experience more of God's Greatness in a breadth and depth sense, as He works differently in each of us.
- 7. Apart from the above listed items, and those associated with them, there is nothing in the eternal view. We are never to live apart from God and His direction. It is not possible to live perfect lives without sin unless God is directing and leading them. He plans to lead us (being Christians) forever.
- 1. **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** We are first to become Christians. Then, as Christians, we are here now to develop a maximum relationship with God, defined by the maturity we gain in Christ-likeness, living as Christ lives. In our current lifetime, it is a growth process to gain maturity in Christ-likeness, where we sin, breaking God's laws, having sin natures. In heaven, we will not sin because we no longer have our sin natures. But the degree by which God leads us then is determined by the maturity level in Christ-likeness we gain in our current lifetimes. There is no Bible teaching that teaches our maturity levels will increase in eternity. But there are several Scriptures that signal it will not. Thus, we should respond to God now with excellence to gain the maximum skill level in Christ-likeness we can gain.
- 2. GOD'S ATTRIBUTES: He works with billions of people at the same time; (2) He is in every place that exists simultaneously, all the time; (3) He knows everything that exists and/or has happened in any form happening past, present, and future; (4) He is sovereign and has infinite power to do anything He desires; (5) He knows all truth and perfect laws; (6) He has perfect qualities such as love; and (7) He has always existed. There is more. See our reference web site document: *The Attributes of God.*

DISCUSSION FOR GAINING GOD'S BEST; FOUNDATIONAL INFORMATION WE ALL MUST KNOW FOR OUR LIVES

God (the God of the Holy Bible) has "always existed." He is and posses all and the only perfection and truth that exists. (This makes Him God. He is the only God that exists.) He has perfect and infinite attributes - all that exist. He has no sin or error of any kind or amount. These show Him to be the infinite most perfect God and the only qualified person who can work all things together for good in our lives, and run the universe.

We know that God exists by His creation of the universe and all people. Romans 1:20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

Thus, the bottom line for all of our life is that "only" He, our most perfect God of the Holy Bible, knowing all things and who is in charge of eternity, can and is qualified to work all things together perfectly for our good in the world and in our lives. As we learn to respond properly, we will be without sin, without breaking any spiritual laws. We must become spiritually mature and learn to live our lives by love and by faith such that He does this to the maximum, giving us every thought and action by which we are to live. Then it will be God all in all, and we will live in and by His perfection. Only then can we live the perfect life knowing Him as God intends. In the eternal view, apart from all of life being directed by God, there is nothing. (We have no capacity ourselves to live a perfect life.)

Romans 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

For us to reach a maximum maturity in relationship living so we can live by His perfection to the maximum, we must live by the method as Christ lives. He lives with all direction coming from God the Father as a source. Then when others see Him, they actually see the Father, because He from himself as a source is doing nothing. This maturity in relationship living in our lives is be developed now in our lifetimes in a growth process in the current testing and developing environment of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Living this way, when we see each other, we will see more of God the Father in us, as He works in us.

1 John 2:6 the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked. John 14:8-10 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? **He who has seen Me has seen the Father;** how do you say, 'Show us the Father'? "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works. (Bolding: Mine.)

The main source of all our sin is when we and/or our churches, being inherently imperfect, attempt to work all things together for good ourselves. Such action leads to our committing other sins. Such action results in our attempting to act equal with God, generally without our knowledge, desire, or realization. Being enamored with himself, this was the great sin of Satan. He wanted to direct his own life, being equal with God, working all things together for his good as he saw things. Only a perfect God who knows all things can actually work all things together for good. Thus, now in our Christian and Church lives, we must learn to obey God such that He does this both now, but especially in heaven - in eternity.

And when we do not know what is God's will, we can take faith-action steps to discover and do things, believing He will show us His will. We should live all of life, believing God is leading and guiding us. But we must not walk independent of God and His Holy Bible for this results in sin. That which comes from God as a source is now found in His Holy Bible - an accurate Bible without paraphrasing. For example, the Bible teaches we should work for a living. Thus, we can search for a job, believing God will lead us to His choice. I have done this on several topics such as starting a ministry and the procedure works. In the study and gaining insights of His Word, we can use helps such as the computer and books by others.

God gave us His Bible of His perfect truth, so we can know and relate to Him experientially and have insights to His perfect ways. ●³ The original Bible manuscripts contain words written down by man as directed and inspired by God. Even though man may have chosen some of the words, they are precise without any error or mistakes of any kind or any amount because they were inspired by God. The (His) Bible is a main way that God communicates His life and perfection to us. He leads us to know and to obey the Bible via His Holy Spirit. (2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;)

God created us so we could exist and live by His perfection, living in intimate relationship to Him, to have the only perfect lives that exist. In the eternal view, apart from relating to God amidst His perfect ways, there, as stated, is nothing. We must first become Christians gaining a new divine nature in which God develops our maturities. Then, we must become maximumly mature in Christ-likeness, learning to respond to God in the maximum for us to have the maximum life He wants to share with us in all eternity. • As a minimum, we must come to love Him greatly, resulting in our obeying His commandments (John 14:15, 21). When we do, we live holy and righteous lives and get to know Him. We must live by faith trusting God to fulfill His promises to us (2 Peter 1:4). We must activate our faith by obeying the instructions with the promises. When we do, we live without sin because all is coming only from God as a source. When we do, we gain revelation of the Scriptures. (We must learn and know the commandments and the promises presented in the Bible. No doubt, God will give

^{3.} **THE BIBLE**: The only written input we have today from God the Father as a source is that which is contained in the Holy Bible or that which has been applied from the Bible. We are to obey and do only what is in the Bible directly or in application of its principles. We are led by God's Holy Spirit to do so.

^{4.}BECOMING MATURE IN CHRIST: See our web site document: Keys to Becoming Mature in Christ-likeness In Godly Relationship Living.

us many more in eternity.)

John 14:15; "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. John 14:21; "He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will disclose Myself to him."

2 Peter 1:2-4 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. (Bolding Mine)

We can only glorify God by obeying what comes from Him as a source. God accepts no glory from us (John 5:41) - anything from us or the world as a source. (There is nothing good apart from God as a source.) Christ our Lord glorified the Father by obeying what came from the Father as a source (John 17:4) - what came from and what represents Him. We are to do the same.

John 5:41 "I do not receive glory from men; (Things coming from us as a source.)

John 17:4 "I glorified Thee on the earth, having accomplished the work which Thou hast given Me to do.

In heaven, God will direct our every thought and action we will ever have commensurate with our developed maturities in this lifetime and the eternal plan He has for us. We will obey Him from our love of who and what He is. Then it will be God all in all. (We will not have independent thoughts, now only having divine natures.) This is the only way we can live the only perfect life that exists, and is a major way God reveals Himself to us.

So when we do things now in relationship living that are not found in the Bible (directly or in application) as a source, such as from us or from the world as a source, we sin. We in effect are attempting to work all things together for good ourselves. This is true regardless of how good our choices may seem to us. When we do, we keep (impede) ourselves from gaining the maximum maturity in Christ-likeness so we can have a most maximum relationship with God in all eternity.

Churches today sin, greatly limiting their maturity growth, by not obeying the Bible and doing things in relationship living that are not found in the Bible (directly or in application). Such wrong sinful actions include: (1) not taking care of their own to train them to become "maximumly" mature in Christ-likeness; (2) using loud beat music types not found in the Bible (thus, not from God) that does not have dominate melody, required by the Bible. Such wrongly would be using the devil's loud rock-beat music to gain attendance. (God's melody requirement for music is in the Bible and should be used - Psalm 98:5; Matthew 26:30; Ephesians 5:18-19; Colossians 3;16); (3) by not going all out to evangelize the children and adults out in their local communities; and (4) using the world's symbols, wording and/or ways of advertisement. In other words, the churches are going largely the way of the world (most often without their

realization or desire), attempting themselves wrongly to work all things together for good. Thus, our churches are being transformed to become immature with a loss of biblical intellect and to have a low platform of Bible knowledge. This is satanic strategy to help him prevent the elect from believing and accomplishing God's work. They are doing so, falling away, without their realization because they no longer know or endure sound doctrine. As a result, they are living more by sight, than by love and by faith.

2 Timothy 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires;

We should use music that glorifies God from His perfection and choice, not what mainly pleases us. ● Otherwise, how can we worship Him from His perspective?

Matthew 26:30 And after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. (The last supper with Christ.)

Ephesians 5:18-19but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;

There is no Scripture that teaches that our spiritual maturities in relationship living with God will or can increase in heaven. But the Bible reveals signs (Scriptures) that signal it will not. God commands us to pursue maturity now. The training environment that God uses now to develop our maturities will not be in heaven. The Devil will not be in heaven. We cannot sin in heaven, no longer having our sin natures. Not to gain a maximum maturity now can lead to a most terrible "eternal" deficit. We may never know the deeper things of our perfect and infinite God. Apart from walking with our most perfect God amidst His perfection (only by His ways), there is nothing. We must be maximumly mature to live by and appreciate more and more of His Greatness. We should want in eternity to know and relate to the maximum of His Greatness we can have. Remember, we are talking about for all eternity here. We should not want to fall short or be wrong.

Because many of our churches are now falling away, and do not know sound doctrine, there are penalties. One is not knowing Bible prophecy accurately or at all. Thus, when the endtimes come, they will not know what is happening, will be caught blind sided, and will have a major falling away from the faith.

In summary, God plans for us to train in order to live the only perfect lives that exists and get to know and relate to Him in His perfection. In

^{5.} **USE OF LOUD ROCK MUSIC**; Rock music is used in our churches to draw the youth and to gain attendance. They may not attend if such music is not used and if low level teaching is not used. If one would investigate the source of rock music, they would not want to use it in their churches. The structure of loud rock music was used in Voodooism and the cults to call up evil spirits and demons. Its use is sin and brings worship to Satan and is his strategy to have churches fall away from God's best. Maximumly mature people who greatly love God will not sit under it. They want to sing melody from their hearts unto the Lord.

this relationship, He must (will) direct our every thought and action we will ever have and thus, work all things together for our good. He will provide the environment in heaven in which we will live. We will respond to obey Him from our love of who and what He is, knowing that He alone can work all things together for our good and give us the only perfect life that exists. Thus, we will learn to live as Christ lives by only doing what comes from God the Father as a source. When we observe the Father's working in all of us, leading us differently, we get to learn more of who and what He is. This is important because He has the only value and perfection that exists (that are multi-layered).

We, by His choice, are now on earth to gain this maximum maturity to the utmost so we can know and relate to Him maximumly in eternity. Realizing this, we should pursue it with excellence as He commands. Then we can get to know of and live more by God's infinite Greatness.

Hebrews 6:1 Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity

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Under Training: (1) The Attributes of God (2 Pages); (2) Keys to Becoming Mature in Christ-likeness In Godly Relationship Living (33 pages); and (3) Summary Document: Signs, Characteristics, Beliefs, and Practices of Being or Becoming Highly Mature in Christ-likeness (21 pages). (The latter document gives us many principles we must live out experientially.)

Under Training: One can use our ppt charts to train their people: *Christian-Life Relationship Principles*. (141 Charts)

Under What's New: (1) Terse Summaries of Need-to-know Items of God's Big Picture Plan for History for Us to Become Mature in Christ, for How the Endtimes Unfold, and for Eternity (8 pages); and (2) The Biblical Big Picture Watchman Warning and Alert! "Urgently Train" to Become Maximally Mature in Christ-likeness for Eternity and "Expediently" Prepare To Go Through the Soon-Coming Endtimes Tribulation (62 pages).

Under Biblical Worldview: God's Plan over History for Man to Become Mature in Christ Needed to Eternally Know and Relate to Our Perfect God in His Greatness (49 pages).

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