



# LOVE GOD

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# TRUST CHRIST

## Spiritual Outcome Defined:

Firmly believes that Jesus is the Son of God and trusts that His death and resurrection secures forgiveness of their sin and reconciliation with God. Relies on Him as the Lord and leader of all of life.

## Spiritual Outcome Described:

Because of the bold and profound claims Jesus made about His identity as the Son of God, we must all make a decision about who He is. British writer and theologian, C.S. Lewis, explains the implications of this decision:

Either this man was,  
and is, the Son of God,  
or else a madman or  
something worse.

- C.S. Lewis

“I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic — on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.”

— [C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity](#)

Lewis reveals the absurdity of acknowledging Jesus as just some “great moral teacher” because the things he said about Himself would immediately discredit His teaching and ministry. When Jesus said He was God, He drew a line in the sand—either you believe He is who He says He is and choose to follow Him, or you don’t and must admit that He was crazy. If Jesus truly is Lord, this changes everything about your life.

Jesus says, “*I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except through me.*” John 14:6 His sacrifice on the cross was the payment for our sins that makes this journey with God possible. By coming to Jesus and resting in what

He has done for us, we are restored to the loving relationship that He always intended and grants us eternal life. Salvation in Jesus is solely based on His work, not ours. There is nothing we could possibly do to earn this wonderful gift because it is just that, a gift!

Trusting Christ is also much more than a one-time decision for salvation from sin, but an ongoing choice to follow Him and allow Him to transform you inside and out. His death on the cross was not only sufficient for your salvation, but for your growth as well. This growth does not come from merely believing facts about Jesus and intellectually acknowledging who He is, but from knowing Him personally. This truth is central to Christianity and sets us apart from all other faiths because it's not based on a method or concept, but on a relationship with a real person! When we daily put our trust in Jesus and pursue a relationship with Him, we become more like Him, the way God desires and designed us to be.

*“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.”*

Colossians 2:6-7

**Evidence of this Spiritual Outcome in a Person's Life:**

- Accepts and lives in the forgiveness and freedom that God offers.
- Can articulate a moment(s) where you invited Jesus to be the leader of your life.
- Trust Jesus is the Son of God and the only way to access our Father God.
- Seeks to follow Jesus in all areas of life.

## **Guidance**

Read each passage multiple times. Then write your observations about the passage and any thoughts you have from the discernment question. What do you notice in the passage, and what does this reveal about your life?

### **Romans 3:23-24**

Observations:

Discern Question: Do you feel like there is something separating you from your relationship with God? What is it?

### **Colossians 2:13-14**

Observations:

Discernment Question: Do you feel like you owe something to God because of your sins? Why or why not?

**John 14:6**

Observations:

Discernment Question: Do you trust that Jesus is the only way to have a relationship with God? Are there other ways you are trying to access a relationship with God?

**Romans 8:31-32**

Observations:

Discernment Question: Is there someone or something getting in the way of your relationship with Christ? Do you trust God on a daily basis? What does that look like?

**Romans 5:8**

Observations:

Discernment Question: How do you feel knowing that God sent His only son to die for you, though you didn't deserve it?

**Philippians 2:5-11**

Observations:

Discernment Question: "*At the name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord.*" What does it mean to make Jesus 'Lord' of your life?

**John 3:16**

Observations:

Discernment Question: Do you believe that God sent His son Jesus to us? Why or why not?

**1 Corinthians 15:3-4**

Observations:

Discernment Question: This passage claims that Jesus had victory over death, just as earlier scriptures had prophesied. What significance does that play into you putting your trust in Him? Why is the resurrection part of Jesus' story necessary?

**Isaiah 53:4-6**

Observations:

Discernment Question: This passage describes us all as having turned to our own way. Is there an area in your life currently you need to trust Christ with? What would that look like?

**Ephesians 2:4-9**

Observations:

Discernment Question: Do you ever feel yourself “working your way” into your relationship with God? Why or why not?

## **John 20:24-30**

Observations:

Discernment Question: Do you believe that Jesus died on the cross for your sins and had victory over death? How have you seen Jesus show up in your life since trusting Him?

### **Next Steps**

What are practical next steps you will do from what you have discovered in this survey of Scripture on obeying God? Include insights offered from others in your group that could be applied in your own life as well.

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### **Memory Verses:**

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Romans 5:8

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.