

The Deeper Life Part 2

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Hebrews 6:1-2.

B. A Christian is one who enjoys a right relationship with Christ.

II. The relationship with Christ is judicial and vital.

A. We have peace with God through a judicial relationship with Christ. This has to do with legal obligations. (Romans 5, Ephesians 1)

B. The vital relationship has to do with life giving relationships. (I Corinthians 3)

III. Other kinds of relationships.

A. Volitional.

1. This is the relationship of one's will to God.
2. We are united to God by doing and willing exactly as God does.
3. We know the will of God by prayer, Bible study and experience.

B. Intellectual.

1. If we judged things as Jesus, there would be less need for preaching separation from the world.
2. Our mind becomes as Christ's when we spend so much time in His Word.

C. Emotional.

1. There is a love attachment to Christ.
2. It is possible to be a believer without loving Christ, but this should be developed in a person.

D. The one who maintains a right relationship in all these areas is one who has been released from earthly loves and fears.

1. This means that one chooses the will of God forever as one's treasure.
2. This means there is nothing outside of God's will that one wants.
3. There will be fears, but we should not expect this to be regular as part of the normal Christian life.

Application questions:

1. What is the difference between a vital relationship and a judicial relationship with Christ?

2. Choose one of the other three relationships and explain what it means.

3. Why is it that one can be released from earthly fears when he maintains these relationships with Christ rightly?
