

# Relationship v Religion



What is our purpose?

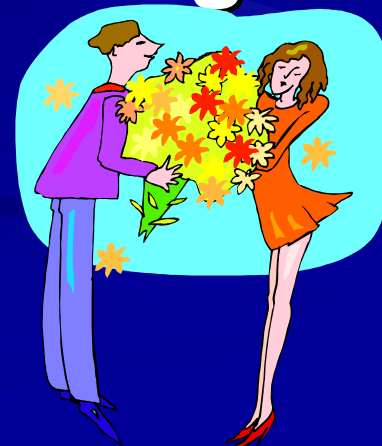
■ A song is not a song until it's sung



■ A bell is not a bell until it's rung.



■ Love is nothing until it is given away.



**Why are we still  
here?**

**What is our purpose?**

# We need to learn

■ Romans 12:1-2

■ Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

**Matt 4:19 And He \*said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."**

**Matt 28:18- 20 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."**

**Matt 10:7 -8 "And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give.**

# Followers no longer!

- Acts 1:7-8
- He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."
- Rom 7:4 Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, so that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God.
- 1 Cor 6:17 But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

# Fellowship filled

- Acts 2:1-4
- When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

■ **Romans 12:4-8**

- **For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.**

■ **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

■ **Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.**

■ **Ephesians 1:22-23**

■ **And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.**

■ **Ephesians 4:1-4**

- **Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling;**

- **Ephesians 4:7**
- **But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.**
- **Ephesians 4:11-13**
- **And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.**

# Who are you, what are you doing here?

- Have you come to give or to get?
- Are you giving yourself as a living sacrifice to glorify God?
- Are you still just following or are you a part?
- Are you living Jesus' life or your own?
- Who is your life a witness to?
- Do you have a sense of mission?