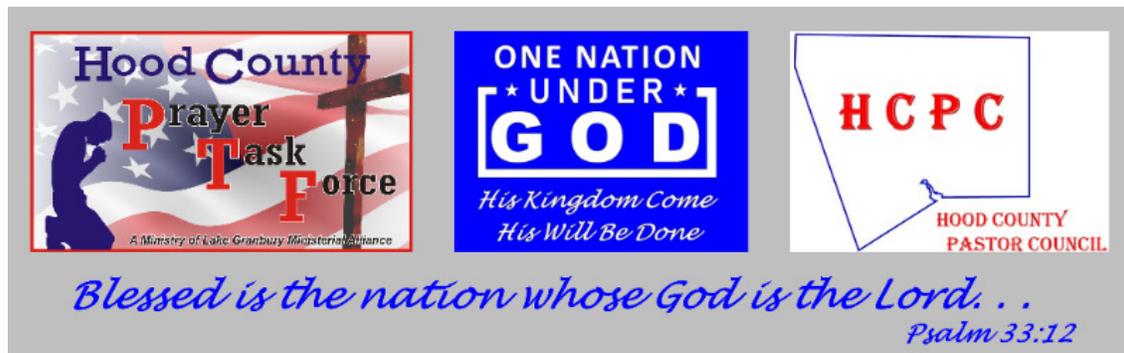


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Teach Me to Know Your Presence and Seek Your Face

The true children of God are those who are led by the Spirit of God.

Romans 8:14

Reflections

Being a Christian is largely about developing a personal relationship with the Father Creator of the Universe. On the one hand we are awed by even the idea of a being who knows everything and possesses the power to have created something as complex and expansive as the universe. On the other that very same being wants to enjoy a personal loving relationship with every person on the planet. All He asks is that we willingly set aside our dependence on the things of life that are physical and temporary and enter into an invisible eternal relationship

Challenge

Becoming sensitive to the presence God on a personal level requires believers to seriously focus their minds by faith on the reality of His presence. In other words, it requires mind renewal and that can only come through the study and

with Him by faith. He sent Jesus to make such a relationship possible and He has promised that if we take up His offer and allow the Spirit of Christ to lead us the rest of the way, He will never leave or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5).

Even more awesome is that when a person decides to believe, Creator God comes to live within each believer (1 Corinthians 3:16) confirming His deep desire for a close relationship. He makes Himself present and available 24/7 to be a nearby Friend, Companion, Comforter, Encourager and Teacher. He is so close we are by faith touching and yet it is a challenge to stay in contact, to remember to take advantage of His very presence as we deal with the issues of life.

Most Christians would like to have a closer relationship with God but many of us don't follow through with the time and effort. On top of that we have a part of us called the flesh that hasn't been redeemed yet. So we often go out in life to solve our own issues in the flesh forgetting to talk to the Holy Spirit about our plans, until they get us in trouble. Why do we forget to consult the Holy Spirit more deeply, more frequently? We don't want it to be that way. But there is no way to get around the truth: we will pay attention to the things our minds are focused on and in this case that focus comes by attention (and focus) on His Word. Changing that aspect of one's life will bring a depth of personal relation with our awesome Father beyond our imagination.

Prayer

understanding of His Word plus a willingness to spend time with Him getting to know Him better. He already knows everything about us so we're the ones now who have to make the effort.

For Discussion

Have you ever felt that God was nowhere to be found as you were having to face and deal with the difficulties of life on your own? Most of us have felt that way at one time or another but it wasn't true.



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Father I pray today for you to help me appreciate the importance of getting to know you better. Help me God to ignore the noise in the World and to focus on you and the things of your Kingdom. Stir up in me Lord a hunger for your Word that will empower my faith to accomplish your plans and purposes for my life. It is the desire of my heart to have the closest possible relationship with you as I enjoy your presence and the power of your Word. God I pray this prayer today in the Name of Jesus and I thank you for blessing me with your salvation and eternal life.

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