

# **Pleasing God**

Pleasing God is, or should be, the goal of all believers—all who call upon the name of Christ for salvation.

#### **HOW CAN I PLEASE GOD**

# 1. Having faith pleases Him.

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6).

### 2. Being spiritually minded pleases Him

For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God" (Romans 8:6-8).

# 3. Fearing the Lord pleases Him.

- \*The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His mercy" (Psalm 147:11).
- 4. Studying and following Jesus Christ's example pleases Him.
  - > Jesus said He always did "those things that please Him" (John 8:29),

### 5. Obeying God pleases Him.

> "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice" (1 Samuel 15:22).

### 6. Doing God's will pleases Him.

"[May God] make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen" (Hebrews 13:21).

# 7. Giving the sacrifices He wants please Him

> Therefore by Him let us continually offer the <u>sacrifice of praise</u> to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased" (Hebrews 13:15-16).

# 8. Pleasing God not Man

\*But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts" (1 Thessalonians 2:4).

# 9. The Benefits of Pleasing God

Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32).