

Pleasing God

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Webster defines *please*, “to have satisfaction in.”

GOD CREATED MAN FOR HIS PLEASURE

*“Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for Thou hast created all things, and **for Thy pleasure they are and were created**” (Revelation 4:11).*

BECAUSE OF THE FALL MAN CANNOT NATURALLY PLEASE GOD

*“So then they that are in the flesh **cannot please God**” (Romans 8:8).*

JESUS CHRIST, GOD’S SON PLEASES THE FATHER

*“And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is My beloved Son, in Whom **I am well pleased**” (Matthew 3:17).*

*“And He that sent Me is with Me: the Father hath not left Me alone; for **I do always those things that please Him**” (John 8:29).*

NOW IN CHRIST, WE CAN ALSO PLEASE GOD

*“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of **His good pleasure**” (Philippians 2:13).*

*“... An odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, **wellpleasing to God**” (Philippians 4:18).*

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“But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; **not as pleasing men, but God**, which trieth our hearts” (I Thessalonians 2:4).

“Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and **to please God**, so ye would abound more and more” (I Thessalonians 4:1).

“No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he **may please him** who hath chosen him to be a soldier” (II Timothy 2:4).

“Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all **to the glory of God**” (I Corinthians 10:31).

THIS PLEASING IS THROUGH FAITH

“**But without faith it is impossible to please Him**: for He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him” (Hebrews 11:6).

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