

**Your Relationship with God**  
**1 Jn 2:1-5**  
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Thesis: I want to examine our relationship with God.

Intro:

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I. Love and friendship relationship with God

A. Your love for God.

1. We are commanded to love God. **Matt 22:37**
2. This love must be based on our obedience, **John 14:15**
3. Lack of obedience constitutes a lack of love on our part.

B. Your friendship with God.

1. Jesus considers us His friends, **John 15:14-15.**
2. Our friendship with Jesus is dependent upon our obedience.
3. Lack of obedience stands in the way of our friendship with Jesus.

II. Family Relationship & Fellowship with God.

A. Being a part of God's family.

1. We are in God's family, **Eph. 3:14-15.**
2. We have a relationship with God as His children, **John 1:12.**
3. God is our Father, **2 Cor. 6:17-18.**

B. Fellowship with God.

1. Christians have fellowship with God, **1 John 1:3.**
2. We cannot claim to have fellowship with God while walking in sin, *1 John 1:6.*
3. Our fellowship with God is dependant upon our obedience to His will.

III. Other types of relationships with God.

A. The relationship with the Bondservant.

1. Our Master is Jesus Christ, **Matt. 23:8-10.**
2. We are exhorted to conduct ourselves like bondservants, **1 Pet. 2:15-16.**

B Those in a relationship know one another

1. God knows His own, **2 Tim. 2:19.**
2. If we do not know and obey God, He does not know us, **Matt. 7:21-23.**

Conc:

1. How is your relationship with God?
2. Are you in a right relationship with Him?
3. Full Invitation