

PLEASING GOD

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"By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, and was not found, because God had taken him; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God." {Hebrews 11:5} Pleasing God is something all must seek to do to gain His favor. What truly pleases God? Let us notice just a few things.

The Death of Christ. "Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. .. " {Isaiah 53:10} Christ's death on the cross pleased the Father because it met the demands He placed for the redemption price of sin. God knew this was the only means that salvation for mankind could be possible.

Foolishness of Preaching. "For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe." {1 Corinthians 1:21} Preaching is the method of getting God's power into the hearts of men, Romans 1:16; James 1:21. It may not seem to be the best approach to man - but what makes it work is God's the one who designed it!

Children obey their parents. "Children obey your parents in the Lord for this is right." {Ephesians 6:1} From the very beginning God has expected children to obey their parents. It was one of the Ten Commandments under the Law of Moses. God demands that parents teach and discipline their children. Children must be obedient to the teachings of the parents. Sadly, such attitudes seem to be lacking in many homes causing the home to be weak and less effective in our nation.

The Life of Christ. "While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him." {Matthew 17:5} Christ was an obedient Son! He came to accomplish His Father's will even to the death of the cross! All along the way the Son sought to point men to Him and the hope of salvation that could only be achieved through His impending sacrifice. In all He did, He sought to be fully obedient to His Father's will in the short time He had on earth. Do you please God today? ***