

Vision and Values

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Key Text

Genesis 1:31

Main Vision

The main vision of New Generation City Church is to be a large, family, multi-cultural and Christ-centred church.

Relationship with God without Religion

- To completely understand God and his relationship with humans, it is helpful to read many translations of the scripture.
- There are two main world-views: humanistic (humans are the highest authority) or theistic (God as the highest authority).
- Compared to animals, humans have a special relationship with God.
 - In the beginning, humans physically walked with God (Gen 3:8)
 - The typical experience of new Christians is that they have a heightened perception of their relationship with God.
- Pure religion is defined in James 1:26-27.
- Religion to most Australians is either: a church building, religious atrocities (eg. the Spanish inquisition or the crusades) or religious wars, etc.
- Religion is the image of God made by humans; we all talk the same, look the same.
- Humans have a tendency towards religion, because it is predictable, safe and secure.
- Relationships on the other hand are unpredictable and free.

Real Relationship with Jesus

- Satan seeks to destroy our relationships with each other and God (John 10:10)
- John 16:4-15. When we enter into a relationship with God, the Holy Spirit has an active presence our life. God – as spirit – talks to us, gives us spiritual gifts, teaches us and He abides in us (we are the temple of the Holy Spirit, 1 Cor 6:19).
- God is our Father (John 16:25-28) and we can have confidence in approaching God.

Practical Application

To have a relationship with God, you must be born-again. You are born again when you come to God and repent of your sins. Be baptised in the Holy Spirit by asking God (Luke 11:11). Jesus has set us free (John 8:36), so remain free from legalism and religiosity (Gal 1:1) by staying in relationship with God.