

## God's Four Characteristics

God has four characteristics by which every Christian should live. We are to...

1. Live by Faith.
2. Live in God's love.
3. Live a forgiving life.
4. Live a life of mercy.

Let's start with Faith. In the book of Hebrews the eleventh chapter, we see that the most important people in the Bible were people that received from God through faith. In fact, in the sixth verse we see that God said that it is impossible to please God, unless we live by faith.

Next is the subject of Love. In the Gospel of John and also the books of 1John, 2John, and 3John, we see God revealing Himself as Love.

1 John [4:16](#) KJV And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

In this verse it is very plain that God does not just have Love, He is Love. When we are born again by His Seed (the Word of God), we are born from Love seed. That is why He wants us to love like He loves.

1 John [4:17](#) KJV Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment:

because as He is, so are we in this world.

God is Love; and as He is, so are we.

Now Forgiveness is another one of God's major characteristics.

Ephesians 1:7 KJV In Whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace;

When Christians understand that they are forgiven for all their sins through Jesus' blood, they must recognize that their calling is to tell other people how to receive forgiveness as well. I've learned that the knowing that we are forgiven is a revelation the Holy Spirit has to reveal to us. Until we know this truth, we will not forgive ourselves, nor will we forgive others.

The last major characteristic of God is Mercy. God is so merciful! He never wants to punish anyone that has sinned. We see this all throughout the Bible. Mercy is mentioned 206 times in the Bible!

Isaiah 54:8 KJV In a little wrath I hid My face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness

will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer.

This is the heart of God for every believer in Jesus; and even for those that have not yet given their lives to Jesus.

1 Peter 1:3 KJV Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

As your Pastor, I want you to know that God has called you to live out these 4 characteristics of God...

Faith, Love, Forgiveness, and Mercy. If these four things become your life, you will never be without God's power and provision in your life. I leave you with these verses.

Matthew 5:43-45 KJV Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. [44] But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; [45] That ye may be the children of your Father which is in Heaven: for He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the

good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

Love you,  
Pastor Paul