

What does God want from his human creation?
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I believe there may be no more important question than this: What does God want? Here are ten concepts to help establish a beginning point.

- Recognition. God wants to be recognized for who he is, according to his nature.
- Respect and worship. Worship that pleases God is based in God's nature and identity, not in human nature or desires.
- Response. God desires responsive relationship; he wants human creation to respond to his overtures.
- Redemption. With the entry of sin in the Garden, God begins the process through which he seeks to redeem creation, ultimately focused on Christ.
- Re-creation. Redemption is accomplished, and is only possible, through God's recreation of his human creation.
- Repentance. Repentance is a prerequisite for returning to God and reestablishing right relationship. Repentance is a prerequisite for human participation in the redemptive, re-creative process. God calls us to think right. Repentance signifies a change of thinking and a change of living.
- Resemblance. God made us like him; he wishes the restoration of that image and resemblance. This is related to the previous point because it also involves and is possible through right thinking and right doing.
- Reconciliation, restoration of the broken vertical relationship.
- Restoration of broken horizontal relationships.
- Reflect his glory. God desires the transformation of his creation to reflect his glory.