



Part 2: Loyalty
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Types of Loyalty

- Blind loyalty
- Bandwagon loyalty
- Grudgingly compliant loyalty
- Genuine loyalty (2 Samuel 14)

What does the Bible say about loyalty?

1. Loyalty does not waver. (*Proverbs 17:17*)
2. Loyalty is what you do, not what you say. (*Matthew 26:33-35 and 26:69-75*)
3. Loyalty is a willing decision. (*Psalms 78:8*)
4. Loyalty is demanding. (*Exodus 17:8-13*)
5. Loyalty will involve sacrifice. (*2 Chronicles 11:13-16*)
6. Loyalty to God will be rewarded. (*Psalms 84:10-11*)

We are never called to be loyal to **anything** that is
contrary to God's character or standard.

God the Father on Loyalty

"No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you." – *Joshua 1:5*

Jesus on Loyalty

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." – *Matthew 28:19-20*

The Holy Spirit on Loyalty

Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

– *Ephesians 1:13b-14*

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Our Call to Loyalty

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. – *Hebrews 10:23-25*

We are called to be loyal to:

- 1) The person and hope of Jesus (*Matthew 6:24*)
- 2) The body of believers (*Ephesians 2:19-22*)

Baptism is a declaration of loyalty to the One who died and rose again for our salvation.

Next Steps

- Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior? Take the simple step of declaring your loyalty to him by being baptized this weekend. A one-hour baptism class is taught before each service this weekend. All the details are on back of today's program or you can stop by the Connection Point for information. If it doesn't work for you to be baptized this weekend, make plans now to be baptized on October 2 or 3 in a weekend service.
- Mark your calendar now for an upcoming Ownership Class (Sunday, September 26 or Sunday, November 14). You'll learn about CTK's mission and vision to reach a lost and broken world, and you'll be challenged with practical ways to live out your loyalty to that mission.

On Your Way Home

Name all of the things (sports teams, products, people, etc.) that you feel a sense of loyalty toward. Where did God fit on your list?

Personal or Small Group Questions



- 1) Where does your loyalty lie? Ask the group the following questions: Mac or PC? Seahawks or Mariners? Starbucks or Woods? Shorts or long pants? Spaghetti or lasagna?
- 2) What influences your loyalty towards certain products? What would make you change products?
- 3) What characteristics would you expect to see in a person that is "loyal" to God?
- 4) Do you believe that church attendance is a sign of a person's loyalty to God? Why or why not?
- 5) How have you personally experienced the loyalty of God?
- 6) How can we pray for you tonight?