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Feasting

on the Names of

CHRIST

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Foreword

Noel Pabiona

Praise the Lord for this excellent new devotional booklet by my friend Steve Hall, *40 Days of Feasting on the Names of Christ!*

Steve has ministered several times in the Philippines in churches, jails, pastor conferences, seminars, and to staff and leaders of various evangelical organizations—including Compassion International!

His messages challenge believers to know the Lord Jesus Christ more and more, and to live in all of Him.

May these 40 devotionals give all their readers a fresh hope in Christ and love for Him. May His wonderful name be praised!

Introduction

Are you hungry to FEAST on Christ? Do you want to know Him more? If your answer to those questions is “Yes,” then I believe this booklet will be a joy for you to use. “40 Days of Feasting on the Names of Christ” contains devotionals about 40 names of Christ from throughout the Bible. These 40 names are some of my favorites from a larger book I wrote that has 365 names of Christ, called “I Want to Know More of Christ.” May you feast on these 40 delightful aspects of who Christ is—and become hungry for many more of His names!

The names in this booklet which are from the Old Testament were a “foretaste” of Christ; the names from the New Testament “revealed” Christ—and all of the names are ultimately fulfilled in Christ!

The Apostle Paul said in Philippians 3:10 (the Amplified Version), that knowing Christ was the most significant purpose of his life: *“For my determined purpose is that I may know him [Christ] - that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of his person more strongly and more clearly.”* I pray this booklet will plant in you that same consuming passion that Paul had to know Christ all he possibly could!

And, I am praying that, as you meditate on the names of Christ in this booklet, YOUR heart will “burn” (like the hearts of the two disciples did on the Road to Emmaus when Jesus “*opened the Scriptures*” about Himself to them).

Each devotional has a name of Christ in a Scripture passage. I encourage you to read the Scripture passage a couple times, and meditate on what the Holy Spirit wants you to discover about that name of Christ in that passage. Next, is a line I wrote to briefly summarize that name of Christ in that passage. Then, there is a prayer I wrote as I meditated about that name of Christ. The prayer is addressed to the Father, but it’s about the Son. Usually, the prayer includes worship of Christ (based upon that name of Him). Sometimes, there is another Scripture passage that supports that name from another part of the Bible. Sometimes, there is a hymn. Always, there is some

intercession, so you can pray that yourself and others know Christ, love Him, or surrender to Him, based upon His name. And, hopefully the Holy Spirit will give you additional ways He has for you to worship and pray about these names of Christ.

As you FEAST on these 40 names of Christ, may the Spirit impress on your heart and mind what Moses, and David, and Daniel and the other early prophets experienced while they wrote about the coming Messiah, King, Lord, Ruler, Prophet, Deliverer and Priest; and may you experience what the early disciples saw and heard as they watched and listened to Jesus speak with authority, heal the sick, drive out demons, raise the dead, and declare His eternal rule over heaven and earth.

I really hope you will share with others what you discover about Christ through these names. We must not keep Him to ourselves. I urge you to pray that the Spirit will give you at least one person each day to share the fresh hope you have in Christ based on His name of the day. May speaking about Jesus become an overflowing joy for you!

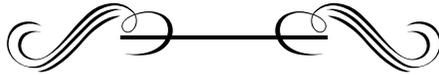
I pray that “40 Days of Feasting on the Names of Christ” will be used by individuals, families, small groups, congregations and gatherings of believers in whole communities, to help you experience each day what Habakkuk prophesied: *“For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.”*

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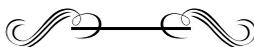
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The 40 Names of Christ



My Shepherd



*Psalm 23:1-6 The LORD is my **shepherd**, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely Your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

The LORD JESUS CHRIST was sent to the world to become the lead pastor and caregiver of the congregation of His saints.

Dear Father,

Today's name of Christ, the **Shepherd**, is one of His most amazing and reassuring names! I bless Jesus that He is MY **Shepherd**—MY great Pastor, Redeemer and Preserver. I am deeply grateful that He completely guides, guards, provides for and lays down His life for me and for all people who receive and follow Him. I think of what Jesus said in John 10:11, 14-15, "*I am the **good shepherd**. The good **shepherd** lays down His life for the sheep... I am the good **shepherd**; I know My sheep and My sheep know Me—just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father—and I lay down My life for the sheep.*" I am so glad we can know for sure that because of His absolute authority and love for us, we will always "*lack nothing*" in Jesus. I rejoice that He knows each of His sheep intimately, and that we can know Him intimately, just as You and Jesus know each other intimately (John 17). I place every part of my life under His care, and I pray that all other believers will do so too. Help us to follow Him wherever He leads! I pray You will also help all my friends, relatives, neighbors and work associates who have not yet received the **Shepherd** become aware of how much they need Him too. I ask all these things in His beloved name. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

My Hiding Place



Psalm 32:6-7 Therefore let all the faithful pray to You while You may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them. You are my **hiding place**; You will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

The LORD JESUS CHRIST offers Himself as the place of complete peace and security for all who belong to Him.

Dear Father,

I am exceedingly grateful that I can always depend upon my Savior to be my **Hiding Place**. I praise Him that He has all the power and love to be the perfect **Hiding Place** for me and all others who are saved through His blood. I am so glad for Psalm 27:4-5, which describes the protection He is as we dwell in Him: “One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek Him in His temple. For in the day of trouble He will keep me safe in His dwelling; He will **hide** me in the shelter of His sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.” I rejoice greatly in what Paul declares to us in Colossians 3:3, “For you died, and your life is now **hidden** with Christ in God.” I delight that part of “He Hideth My Soul,” by Fanny Crosby, further echoes these assurances about Christ’s power and love: (verse 1) “A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord, A wonderful Savior to me; He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock, Where rivers of pleasure I see.” (chorus) “He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock, That shadows a dry, thirsty land; He hideth my life with the depths of His love; And covers me there with His hand.” Please help us to forsake even the best of man’s “hiding places,” to devote ourselves to living under the full protection of the **Hiding Place**. In His victorious name I ask these things. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

Your (God's) Anointed One



*Psalm 84:5-9 Blessed are those whose strength is in You, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage. As they pass through the Valley of Baka, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools. They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion. Hear my prayer, LORD God Almighty; listen to me, God of Jacob. Look upon our shield, O God; look with favor on **Your anointed one**.*

The LORD JESUS CHRIST is God's chosen vessel to bring about the fulfillment of all His purposes and promises.

Dear Father,

I dearly love all of Psalm 84, which the great theologian Charles Spurgeon calls "The Pearl of Psalms." I rejoice that what makes this Psalm the "Pearl" is that it focuses so strongly on Your beloved Son, Jesus, upon Whom You look with utmost favor. My heart and mind soar as I meditate on the limitless attributes and abilities of Your Son, the infinite love You and He have for each other, and the plans You are fulfilling in heaven and on earth through Him as **Your Anointed One**. I am eternally grateful that I and all other believers are saved through His sacrifice and obedience to You. He is our blessed Savior, our Lord, our Shield, and our All. I pray that You will give us an increasing passion to know and adore **Your Anointed One**, and please help us to live under His lordship at all times. May our knees bow and our tongues confess that **Your Anointed One** is Lord, to Your glory. I pray that all You **anointed** Him to do on earth, will soon be done as it is in heaven. In His holy name I ask these things. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

The Wonderful Counselor



Isaiah 9:5-7 Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called **Wonderful Counselor**, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

The LORD JESUS CHRIST, by His Spirit, counsels people with uncommon wisdom and guides us into the purposes of God.

Dear Father,

I rejoice greatly in this portion of Isaiah's amazing prophecy which proclaimed that the Messiah would be born, and would one day govern His people in righteousness. I further rejoice that all the implements which sinful leaders had been using to oppress the people of Israel were prophesied to be burned and destroyed under the Messiah's forthcoming, peaceful rule. Thank You for sending Your beloved Son to earth 2000 years ago to fulfill this prophecy! I praise Him that He alone possesses all the power, wisdom, justice, authority and love to be Your gift of salvation and freedom to all Jews and Gentiles. I exalt Him that He is the **Wonderful Counselor**. I say "Hallelujah," that there is no more **wonderful** Person than Jesus, Who is fully God and fully man! I love to think of the heavenly hosts being **full** of **wonder** of Him as Lord of the whole universe. I honor Jesus that He is the perfect, all-knowing, totally good, peace-making and impartial **Counselor**, Who for all eternity has known the full counsel of the Godhead. I am so grateful that the **Wonderful Counselor** is always available to counsel me and all His people, and that He ever lives to intercede for us. Please help us to know Him intimately, seek Him, hear Him, obey Him and give all glory to Him. I pray this in His wise name. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

The Prince of Peace



*Isaiah 9:6-7 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace**. Of the greatness of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.*

**The LORD JESUS CHRIST brings peace, wholeness
and justice wherever God's Kingdom comes.**

Dear Father,

I especially rejoice that Jesus governs His people as the **Prince of Peace**. I marvel how His vast attributes, nature and abilities are all part of Him as the supreme **Peacegiver**. I honor the **Prince of Peace** that He completely lives out the Beatitudes (of peace) that He taught His followers in Matthew 5:3-10: He is poor in spirit; He mourns; He is meek; He hungers and thirsts for righteousness; He is merciful; He is pure in heart; He is a peacemaker; and He is persecuted because of righteousness. I exalt Jesus that He is the giver of **peace** in all our relationships: (1) between You and man through sacrificing His life on the cross; (2) in the hearts and minds of each individual follower as they surrender more and more of themselves and every life situation to His lordship; and (3) between man and man as they live in His great love and humility with each other. I am very grateful that in John 14:27 He left never-ending **peace** with all His followers through the Holy Spirit: "**Peace** I leave with you; My **peace** I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." I pray that I and believers everywhere will awaken to all the **Prince of Peace** is, and submit to His governance of our lives, so we will continually be ambassadors of peace in Him. And, I pray that very soon, "*Of the greatness of His government and peace there will be no end*" around the world. In the name of the One Who is Shalom, I ask these things. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

The Creator of the Ends of the Earth



Isaiah 40:27-29 Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God?” Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the **Creator of the ends of the earth**. He will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

❧ **The LORD JESUS CHRIST is the architect and builder of the world.** ❧

Dear Father,

I praise Jesus that He was with You before the foundation of the earth, and that He has all wisdom, creativity and power. I know, and I have heard, that He is absolutely the **Creator of the Ends of the Earth**. I honor Jesus that all things are in Him, through Him, by Him, for Him, to Him, about Him and under Him. I rejoice that my way is **not** hidden from Him, and my cause **not** disregarded by Him, because He knows everything, He is everywhere, He loves me completely, and He has all authority over everything. I marvel that Jesus will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding no one can fathom! I am often weary and weak, and I thank Him that He gives strength to me and He increases my power. I pray that You will help me and the whole Church to know the all-mighty Jesus so well that we will continually praise Him for **creating** and sustaining the whole earth, and submit every part of our lives to His lordship. I pray that countless more people, to the ends of the earth, will very soon cry out to the **Creator** to be their Savior and Lord too. I ask these things in His name and for His glory. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

A Man of Suffering



Isaiah 53:1-4, 12 Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him, nothing in His appearance that we should desire Him. He was despised and rejected by mankind, a **man of suffering**, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces He was despised, and we held Him in low esteem. Surely He took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered Him punished by God, stricken by Him, and afflicted....Therefore I will give Him a portion among the great, and He will divide the spoils with the strong, because He poured out His life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

**The LORD JESUS CHRIST endured incredible suffering so that
God might offer all mankind the gift of eternal life.**

Dear Father,

I am very grateful that the exalted Son of God left His heavenly glory to become the **Man of Suffering** (Sorrows). I think of what Henry Gariepy says in “The 100 Portraits of Christ,” that Christ is: “The Prince of martyrs, the Lord of anguish, the King of **suffering**.” My heart aches that the Lord Jesus willingly “*had no beauty or majesty ... was despised and rejected by men ... was familiar with **suffering** ... took up our infirmities ... carried our sorrows*”; and was even “*stricken by God, smitten by Him, and afflicted*.” Oh, the unimaginable **suffering** and sorrows that He unjustly endured! I love Him so much for the precious spirit in which He bore those **sorrows** for us. I pray that You will help me to join the Apostle Paul in his response to Christ’s suffering in Philippians 3:10-11, “*I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of His resurrection and participation in His **sufferings**, becoming like Him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.*” Please help me to be a clear witness of Him in whatever sufferings I have. I pray these things in the victorious name of the **Man of Sufferings**. Amen

What impacted me about Christ today...

The Sovereign Lord



Jeremiah 32:17-19a Ah, **Sovereign LORD**, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for You. You show love to thousands but bring the punishment for the parents' sins into the laps of their children after them. Great and mighty God, Whose name is the LORD Almighty, great are Your purposes and mighty are Your deeds.

The LORD JESUS CHRIST has no limits as He accomplishes the will of the Father.

Dear Father,

I rejoice that even though the prophet Jeremiah lacked full understanding of some of Your ways with the people of Israel, he was certain that he could depend upon Your commands and Your power. With that same assurance, I am in awe of Your Son, the **Sovereign Lord** Who “*made the heavens and the earth, by Your [His] great power and outstretched arm.*” I praise Him that He completely fulfills all definitions of “**sovereign**” and “**lord**”: “monarch, ruler or permanent head of a state, one who exercises supreme authority, person of high rank, and master and owner.” I worship Him, that He is the royal, all-powerful, preeminent, indisputable, most excellent, **Lord Jehovah**. I honor Him that nothing is too hard for Him, and that He fulfills what the writer said about You in Psalm 71:5-6, “*For you have been my hope, Sovereign LORD, my confidence since my youth. From birth I have relied on You; You brought me forth from my mother’s womb. I will ever praise You.*” I pray that Your Spirit will convict me and all of Jesus’ followers of the many ways we take His **sovereignty** for granted, and cause us to repent and to devote ourselves to knowing and trusting Him. I pray all these things in the name of the One and Only **Sovereign Lord**. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

Jesus



*Matthew 1:21 She [Mary] will give birth to a son, and you [Joseph] are to give Him the name **Jesus**, because He will save His people from their sins.*

❧ **The LORD JESUS CHRIST is “The Lord is salvation.”** ❧

Dear Father,

The name **Jesus** fills my whole being with joy and life. I marvel that one translation of this name in Hebrew means “Jehovah (God) the Savior.” I rejoice that Jesus is the name You gave Your Son when You sent Him to earth to fulfill His unique role as Savior from my sins, and Savior of all people who receive Him! All glory to **Jesus**, the name above all names. I exalt **Jesus**, that very soon “*at the name of Jesus [my knee and] every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father*” (Philippians 2:10-11). I think of the many times I have worshiped **Jesus**, cried out “**Jesus**” in times of need, meditated on how precious and magnificent **Jesus** is, been comforted and strengthened by **Jesus**, told others about **Jesus**’ marvelous attributes, and much more. I pray that You will help me and all other followers of **Jesus** to be in absolute awe of, and love for, Jesus. May we be devoted to living Colossians 3:17, “*And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*” I also express my love to Jesus through Frederick Whitfield’s hymn: “There is a Name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth; It sounds like music in my ear, The sweetest Name on earth. (chorus) Oh, how I love **Jesus**, Oh, how I love **Jesus**, Oh, how I love **Jesus**, Because He first loved me!” I fervently pray that today You will reveal the full truth about **Jesus** to unsaved people everywhere, and remove all hindrances to them receiving Him as their Savior. I pray all these things in the beautiful name of **Jesus**. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

Immanuel (God with Us)



*Matthew 1:22-23 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet [Isaiah]: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call Him **Immanuel**” (which means “**God with us**”).*

❧ **The LORD JESUS CHRIST is the veritable presence of God.** ❧

Dear Father,

I am excited that today’s Scripture passage states that all of the aspects of the birth of Jesus fulfill Isaiah’s prophecy 700 years earlier, that one day a virgin would give birth to a son Who would be called “**Immanuel**” (which means “**God with us**”). I am in awe that even in the midst of King Ahaz’s wicked rule of the kingdom of Judah, You were giving him assurance (a sign) that You would ultimately preserve the line of David through sending **Immanuel**, Who is God manifested in the flesh. I say “Hallelujah,” that You sent Jesus, Your Son, Who eternally was and is fully God, to reside on earth with us as fully man. Thank You that I and all His people can know all Your thoughts, Your heart, Your desires, Your plans, Your mercy, Your love, Your compassion, Your power, Your righteousness, and the whole of Your nature through watching, hearing, touching, reading about and living in **Immanuel**. I bless Him that all of our sins are forgiven through His sacrificial life, death and resurrection as a man, so there is nothing in the way of us having an intimate, love relationship with You. I am filled with joy as I read and receive Jesus’ words to You in John 17:26, “*I have made You known to them, and will continue to make You known in order that the love You have for Me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.*” I pray these things for myself and for all of Your people, in **Immanuel’s** glorious name. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

The Son of Man



Mark 10:42-45 Jesus called them [His disciples] together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

The LORD JESUS CHRIST is the fully-human Servant and Savior of mankind.

Dear Father,

I am very grateful that Your **Son** was willing to give up His heavenly glory to come to earth and become a **man**, so He could experience all of human life, reveal all of You to **mankind**, and serve and suffer for our sins. I love a quote by Henry Gariepy in “100 Portraits of Christ”: “The **Son** of God became the **Son of Man** that we might become sons of God. He was God clothed in the garb of humanity.” I praise Jesus that as the **Son of Man**, He ultimately fulfills the glorious vision of His eternal dominion in Daniel 7:13a, “*In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a **son of man**, coming with the clouds of heaven.*” I am deeply impressed that the name, “**Son of Man**,” so strongly describes Who Jesus is, that He called Himself the **Son of Man** more than any other name or title (80 or more times). I worship Him that the most significant part of Christ becoming the **Son of Man** was so He could give His life on the cross as a “Ransom for Many.” I pray that I, my family members and millions of Jesus’ other followers will dedicate ourselves to knowing the **Son of Man**, and devote ourselves to being servants (even slaves) like Him. Please help us to pray continually that every lost person around us will find the **Son of Man**—Who came to “*seek and save*” them. I ask these things in the name that is life for every person. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

A Savior



Luke 2:8-12 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David **a Savior** has been born to you; He is the Messiah [the Christ] the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

☞ **The LORD JESUS CHRIST is the Deliverer of mankind from our sins.** ☞

Dear Father,

What great joy I have that Jesus was **born to be** the **Savior** of all mankind! I can understand some of what a **Savior** is from the dictionary’s definition of **Savior**: “One who **saves**, delivers or rescues another person or a country.” But, that is just a foretaste of the **Savior** You sent to earth to **save**, deliver and rescue me and countless other people from Your wrath for our sins. I praise Jesus that, while there have been many people who have claimed to be earthly saviors of the people under their rule, Jesus is the only Person Who has given Himself as the perfect sacrifice to once and for all **save** us from the guilt, power, condemnation and eternal death of our sin. Hallelujah! Jesus is our completely sinless, gracious, merciful, loving and sacrificial **Savior**. He is the perfect **Savior**, the complete **Savior**, the glorious **Savior**, the only **Savior**...my **Savior**. I pray that You will give me and all of the **Savior**’s other followers such a consuming love and gratitude for Him that we will gladly follow John’s testimony in 1 John 4:14 that: “*We have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the **Savior** of the world*” with everyone we know. I pray that the Holy Spirit will overcome ALL barriers to those people receiving Jesus as THEIR **Savior** before it is too late. All glory to the **Savior**, in Whose name I pray these things. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

A Friend of Tax Collectors and Sinners



Luke 7:33-34 For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, “He has a demon.” The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, “Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a **friend of tax collectors and sinners.**”

The LORD JESUS CHRIST lovingly accepts and ministers to those whom others reject.

Dear Father,

I am very sorry that the people spoken about in today’s Scripture passage were mocking Jesus by calling Him a **Friend of Tax Collectors and Sinners**. At the same time, I am eternally grateful that Jesus is the perfect, faithful, unconditional **Friend** to me and to all other **tax collectors and sinners** (all people), regardless of our status in life, the level of sin we have committed, or whether or not we receive His **friendship**. I praise Jesus, that in addition to Him having all the love and compassion of the very best **friend** all people could ever have, He also has all the power and authority to fulfill every act of **friendship** He knows we need. I am reminded of the first part of a hymn by Johnson Oatman, Jr.: (verse 1) “There’s not a **Friend** like the lowly Jesus. No, not one! No, not one! None else could heal all our soul’s diseases, No, not one! No, not one! (chorus) Jesus knows all about our struggles. He will guide ‘til the break of day. There’s not a **Friend** like the lowly Jesus. No, not one! No, not one!” I receive His all-encompassing **friendship**, give Him all my friendship, and earnestly pray that every person in my spheres of influence will soon awaken to the greatness of the **Friend of Tax Collectors and Sinners**, and gratefully choose to live in His redeeming friendship too. All honor and glory to the **Friend of Tax Collectors and Sinners**, in Whose name I pray these things. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

The Master



Luke 8:22-25 One day Jesus said to His disciples, “Let us go over to the other side of the lake.” So they got into a boat and set out. As they sailed, He fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger. The disciples went and woke Him, saying, “**Master, Master**, we’re going to drown!” He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. “Where is your faith?” He asked His disciples. In fear and amazement they asked one another, “Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey Him.”

 **The LORD JESUS CHRIST is the commander of all things.** 

Dear Father,

I am in awe as I think about how Jesus brought all of the heavens and earth into existence by the word of His mouth, and how He demonstrated that same **mastery** over the wind and the waves in this critical situation with His disciples on the lake. I can identify with the disciples crying “**Master, Master**,” because they knew Jesus was the only one Who had the authority to save them from being swamped. At the same time, I join the disciples as they were filled with fear and amazement at the unparalleled and unlimited power they were beginning to understand that Jesus possessed. I pray that You will help me, my family members and all other believers today to see the **Master** as clearly as those disciples did so that we too will be filled with fear and amazement of Him. I pray that You will help our faith in the **Master** to grow much deeper, so we will trust Him at all times, even when it seems like He is “*asleep*.” Please convince us to give Him the command of **every** part of our lives. I pray too that the Holy Spirit will very soon reveal the power and majesty of the **Master** to all possible lost people around us, and they will cry out to Him to save them. In the **Master’s** name I ask these things. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

The Word



John 1:1-4, 14a In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with God, and the **Word** was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind...The **Word** became flesh and made His dwelling among us.

❧ **The LORD JESUS CHRIST is God, and He communicates to all people the fullness of Who God is.** ❧

Dear Father,

I praise Jesus, the **Word**, that He has lived in intimate relationship with You forever, and that He is God. I praise Him also that He is the Creator of ALL things. All glory to Jesus that “*without Him nothing was made that has been made.*” I am in awe that You have revealed Yourself through all that the **Word** created, as affirmed in Hebrews 1:2, “*in these last days, He [God] has spoken to us by His Son, Whom He appointed heir of all things, and through Whom also He made the universe.*” I exalt the **Word** that all of the life of the Godhead is in Him, and that He “*became flesh and made His dwelling among us.*” I love Jesus’ statement in John 10:10b of the immeasurable authority and abundance that is in Him alone: “*I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*” I pray that I and an ever-increasing number of other believers will set aside all other attractions and passions we encounter, so that we can live “*to the full*” in the Lord Jesus, the **Word**. I pray that as we know Him more and live in more of His fullness, we will be filled with so much joy and hope that we must tell others about all that He is. Please give masses of lost men, women, young people and children such a longing for all the **Word** is that they will stop at nothing to have Him in their lives very soon. In the life-giving name of Jesus I pray these things. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

The Lamb of God



John 1:23-27, 29-30 John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, “I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way for the Lord.’” Now the Pharisees who had been sent questioned him, “Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” “I baptize with water,” John replied, “but among you stands One you do not know. He is the One Who comes after me, the straps of Whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.” . . . The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the **Lamb of God**, Who takes away the sin of the world! This is the One I meant when I said, ‘A man Who comes after me has surpassed me because He was before me.’”



The LORD JESUS CHRIST is God’s sacrifice for man’s sins.



Dear Father,

Thank You so much for sending Your beloved Son, the **Lamb of God**, to earth. I praise Him that He is the only completely innocent, sacrificial offering that could pay the price of my sins and the sins of every other person who receives Him as their Savior. Just as John the Baptist announced when Jesus approached him, “Look, the **Lamb of God**,” I pray that millions of believers today will look at the **Lamb of God** and be overwhelmed with Your love, mercy, grace, peace, meekness, purity, and hope in Him. I pray we will worship and love the **Lamb of God** for all He is, and constantly talk with one another about His greatness. I pray we will be so filled with love and gratitude for the **Lamb of God** that unsaved people will regularly ask us to tell them about Him. May the whole world join in singing “Just As I Am” by Charlotte Elliott: (verse 1) “Just as I am, without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me, And that Thou bid’st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come! (verse 2) Just as I am, and waiting not, To rid my soul of one dark blot; To Thee Whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come! (verse 5) Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!” In the sacrificial name of the **Lamb**. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

The Messiah (Called Christ)



John 4:16-18, 21-26 He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."... "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe Me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." The woman said, "I know that **Messiah (called Christ)** is coming. When He comes, He will explain everything to us." Then Jesus declared, "I, the One speaking to you—I am He."

**The LORD JESUS CHRIST is God's chosen vessel to
bring God to mankind, and mankind to God.**

Dear Father,

How powerful it was that the Samaritan woman had a strong confidence that the **Messiah (called Christ)** would be coming to the Jews, and that He was the One through Whom You had chosen to reveal Yourself. I honor the **Messiah** that all of Your fullness is in Him, and that He alone could tell the woman (and all people) of Your love, power, righteousness, mercy, grace, truth, justice and much more. As the Samaritan woman believed then, I believe now, that only the **Messiah** can restore hope and life to our desperate world. I am very grateful that I and all who believe in Him as our Savior can worship You in the Spirit and in truth. I bow down before the **Messiah**, and pray that His followers will hunger to know everything we possibly can about You and Him. I pray also that Your Spirit will remove all obstacles that have been keeping unbelievers today from the **Messiah**, so that very soon they will understand Who He is, like the Samaritan woman did when Jesus declared to her, "I, the One speaking to—I am He." In the matchless name of Jesus I pray all these things. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

The Light of the World



John 8:12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, “I am the **light of the world**. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the **light of life**.”

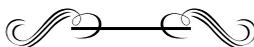
 **The LORD JESUS CHRIST illumines mankind to all of God’s truth and life.** 

Dear Father,

All my hope is in Jesus, the One and Only **Light of the World**. I rejoice that You sent Him to earth to reveal Your transforming truth and glory, illuminate and destroy the works of spiritual darkness, and provide eternal life for mankind. I worship the **Light of the World**, and I pray that all other believers will continually worship and adore Him. I earnestly pray that Your Spirit will help us to hear and wholly obey 1 John 1:5-7, “*This is the message we have heard from Him [the Word] and declare to you: God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all. If we claim we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.*” Please help us to put aside any other priorities that have been keeping us from knowing the depths of the **Light of the World** and following Him at all times, so that we will have all of the **light of life**! I pray that the Church today will walk so completely in the **Light of the World**, that unsaved people we know will urgently cry out to receive Him. I pray these things in His splendid name. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

The Resurrection and the Life



John 11:25-27, 41-43 Jesus said to her [Martha], “I am the **resurrection and the life**. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die. Do you believe this?” “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that You are the Messiah, the Son of God, Who is to come into the world.”... So they took away the stone [from Lazarus’ burial cave]. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. I knew that You always hear Me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that You sent Me.” When He had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

The LORD JESUS CHRIST is the source and personification of eternal life.

Dear Father,

Jesus’ authority was amazing as He ministered to His dear friends Mary and Martha in their grief over their brother Lazarus’ death. I praise Jesus that He had the power to **resurrect** Lazarus’ physical body, and that much more importantly, in Him, the spiritual **resurrection and life** of Lazarus, and all people, is available. I exalt Him that He is the author and forerunner of **resurrected life** through His dying on the cross and being raised to eternal life. Again, I am so grateful to Him for the **life-giving and life-sustaining** truth He states about Himself in John 5:21, “*For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom He is pleased to give it.*” I honor Jesus that He is **THE Resurrection and the Life**, Who is the certain Victor over Satan’s darkness and death. I believe that in Him I am living now, and that I will live forever spiritually, even though one day I will die physically. I DO believe that because of Jesus’ resurrection I will never be separated from You! I join Martha in believing that Jesus is the Christ, Your Son. I pray that You will awaken me, my family members and all other believers to the vastness of Who the **Resurrection and the Life** is, and that our passion for Him and devotion to Him will become uncontainable. May multitudes of unsaved people become desperately hungry to know and receive the **Resurrection and the Life**. In the victorious name of Jesus. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

The Truth



*John 14:1-7 [Jesus said] “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in Me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where You are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the **truth** and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. If you really know Me, you will know My Father as well. From now on, you do know Him and have seen Him.”*

**The LORD JESUS CHRIST is the personification
and standard of all there is to know about God.**

Dear Father,

I worship Jesus and I believe in Him completely, because He is the whole **Truth**. Thank You for sending Him to earth to reveal the full **truth** about You and Your eternal kingdom: “*For the law was given through Moses; grace and **truth** came through Jesus Christ*” (John 1:17). My faith in Him becomes increasingly strong as I think about His teachings, commands and promises that begin with, “*Very truly I tell you,*” or “*I tell you the truth,*” and by Him saying that He only spoke what You told Him to speak. I joyfully receive Jesus’ promise in John 8:31-32, “*To the Jews who had believed Him, Jesus said, ‘If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples. Then you will know the **truth**, and the **truth** will set you free.’*” Hallelujah. I pray that You will help me, my family and millions of other believers around the world to embrace all of Jesus, the **Truth**, so that we might abundantly know the **truth**, and be set free into all that You and He are. I pray these things in the abiding hope of Jesus’ name. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

The Life



*John 14:1-7 [Jesus said] “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in Me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we don’t know where You are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the **life**. No one comes to the Father except through Me. If you really know Me, you will know My Father as well. From now on, you do know Him and have seen Him.”*

☞ **The LORD JESUS CHRIST is the essence of all true existence.** ☞

Dear Father,

I praise Jesus for this final name He called Himself—the **Life**—in this declaration of three incomparable names that can only belong to Him. Thank You for reminding me again of John’s statement in John 1:1-4 that Jesus was with You in the beginning, that He was and is You, and that in Him is **ALL LIFE** (for all eternity past, when He created all life in heaven and on earth, when He walked on the earth, this moment today, and for all eternity future). Again, I exalt You and I exalt Jesus that “*For as the Father has **life** in Himself, so He has granted the Son also to have **life** in Himself*” (John 5:26). Hallelujah, that there is nothing in **life** that is not from Him, for Him, to Him, by Him, about Him, in Him, with Him and through Him. I pray that I and all believers will commit to knowing everything there is to know about the **Life**, and giving up everything else so we can live in Him completely. I pray that Your Spirit will put a consuming longing for the **Life** in the hearts and minds of unbelievers around us, so that they will forsake everything else that has given them “life,” and cry out to receive the real **Life**. In His living name I pray these things. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

The True Vine



*John 15:1-5 [Jesus said] “I am the **true vine**, and My Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit He prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in Me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.”*

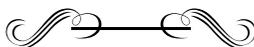
☞ **The LORD JESUS CHRIST is the source of all true fruitfulness.** ☞

Dear Father,

I love to think about all Jesus meant when He called Himself the **True Vine**. I praise Him that He is the completely **True** (genuine, perfect and legitimate) **Vine** (source of all life) for me and all other believers. I am deeply grateful that You sent Him to earth to reveal the fullness of **truth** about Your righteousness and justice, since the nation of Israel (Your early vineyard) had failed to do that. I am also grateful that all His followers (branches) have the priceless privilege of being grafted into Him. I rejoice that He is the source of all our peace, strength, protection, truth, hope, light, revelation, nourishment and all else. I am convinced that we cannot bear fruit for Him, or do anything, if we do not remain in Him. With all my heart and resolve, I give myself to remaining in Him alone, and I pray You will prune me to make me most fruitful. I pray that Your Spirit will focus more and more attention within the Church on all that the **True Vine** is, so that they will put aside every other **vine** they are attached to, and remain completely in Him. May we bear unprecedented fruit, for His pleasure and glory. I ask these things in Jesus’ life-giving name. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

The Lord of All



Romans 10:9-13 If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in Him will never be put to shame.” For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is **Lord of all** and richly blesses all who call on Him, for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

❧ **The LORD JESUS CHRIST is the One** ❧
Who all must call upon to be saved.

Dear Father,

I am in awe of Jesus, the **Lord of All**. I bow before Jesus, Who is One with You in all Your attributes, abilities and wisdom. All glory to Him that there is nothing He has not been **Lord** of, from eternity past, to now and forever. Hallelujah, that the **Lord of all** is the Creator of all, Sustainer of all, and Savior of all. Thank You for sending Him to reveal and demonstrate the fullness of Your **Lordship** to mankind, and to make His **Lordship** available to each of us without partiality. I confess with my mouth that Jesus is **Lord**, and I believe in my heart that You raised Him from the dead. I pray that my family and all other professing Christians will confess and believe in the **Lord of all** with total devotion. Please help us to be thirsty to know more of the amazing **Lord of all**, and to be as passionate about helping one another know Him as Paul stated he was in Galatians 4:19, “*My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you.*” I plead that the teeming masses of broken, hurting, needy, sinful, fearful, shameful, desperate, deceived, angry, lost and dying people all around us who have not yet received Jesus, will call on the **Lord of all** today and be saved. I pray these things in the name above all names. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

The Indescribable Gift



2 Corinthians 9:12-15 This service [giving generously] that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for His **indescribable gift!**

**The LORD JESUS CHRIST is the greatest gift
the Father could ever give to mankind.**

Dear Father,

I agree with Paul's overflowing heart in saying "Thank You" for Your **Indescribable Gift** of Jesus to me and to all people who receive Him as our Savior! Oh, the invaluable, unspeakable **gift** You have given us! No thoughts, words or songs can begin to convey the greatness of Who Jesus is, nor of the love You lavish on us by sacrificing Your beloved Son for us! I thoroughly delight in the incomparable benefits (current and eternal) that we receive through life in Him (His glorious strength, peace, hope, mercy, pardon, righteousness, love, wisdom, joy, deliverance, light and infinitely more). I think of the saying by Augustine that, "He who has Christ has everything. He who has everything but does not have Christ has nothing. And, he who has Christ plus everything else has no more than he who has Christ alone." Thank You that we have everything in Your **Indescribable Gift!** I repent for how I have often not treated Him as Your **Indescribable Gift**, and I pray that I, my family members and all other believers will, from now on, love Him, honor Him, cherish Him, worship Him, abandon ourselves to Him, abide in Him and speak continually about Him as Your blessed **Indescribable Gift**. I pray Your Spirit will reveal the surpassing value of Jesus to unsaved people everywhere, so they will clamor to receive Him into their lives. I pray these things in the **indescribable** name of Jesus. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

The Head



Ephesians 4:11-16 So Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of Him Who is the **head**, that is, Christ. From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

The LORD JESUS CHRIST is the Commander-in-Chief of all things, especially His Church.

Dear Father,

I bow before Christ, the glorious **Head** of all creation, including the Body of Christ (His Church). I exalt Christ that everything comes from Him and is sustained by His perfect wisdom and authority. He is the **Head** of all languages, tribes, peoples, nations, kings, kingdoms, powers and generations. I rejoice that as **Head** of His Church He is the one and only sovereign King, Lord, Master, Leader, Ruler, Teacher, High Priest, Majesty, Shepherd, I AM and infinitely more over me and all His people. Glory to Jesus that all things in our lives are under Him, to Him, on Him, by Him, with Him, in Him, for Him and through Him. I pray You will help us speak the truth in love with each other, and **in all things** grow up unto our **Head**. May we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ (our **Head**). Every part of my life is absolutely dependent upon Jesus, my **Head**. I pray these things in His name. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

The Image of the Invisible God



Colossians 1:15-20 The Son is the **image of the invisible God**, the firstborn over all creation. For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross.

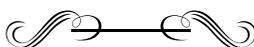
☞ **The LORD JESUS CHRIST embodies all that the unseen God is.** ☞

Dear Father,

I worship Christ, the one and only **Image of the Invisible God**. I rejoice that for all eternity, including when He came to earth as a man, He has possessed ALL Your exact qualities, characteristics, attributes and abilities (Your power, holiness, wisdom, love, mercy, peace and every other part of You). I love how Henry Gariepy stated this unique truth: “Christ was the visible manifestation of the **Invisible God**. He was God in human flesh and form.” I bless Jesus for His powerful words about this with Philip in John 14:8-9a, “*Philip said, ‘Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.’ Jesus answered: ‘Don’t you know Me, Philip, even after I have been among you for such a long time? **Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father.**’*” I worship Christ for the Apostle John’s declaration of His deity in John 1:18, “*No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, Who is Himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made Him known.*” I pray Your Spirit will put an insatiable hunger in me and multitudes of other believers to know everything we can about the **Image of the Invisible God**. May He be our fondest passion. I pray these things in Christ’s excellent name. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

The Hope of Glory



Colossians 1:25-27 I [Paul] have become its [the Church's] servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness—the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the **hope of glory**.

☞ **The LORD JESUS CHRIST is all of God's glorious hope.** ☞

Dear Father,

I think of a couple of definitions of **hope** that are so powerfully fulfilled in and through Christ: **Hope** is “confident expectation.” **Hope** is “a firm assurance regarding things that are unclear and unknown.” I am filled with amazement and gratitude that once I was without Christ and had no **hope**, but now, I have the glorious, unsearchable riches of Christ, my Savior and Lord, in me! All praise to Jesus for His glory-filled names, titles, attributes, works, powers, majesty and sacrifice. I am so grateful that I have abounding **hope**, now and forever, in the One and Only **Hope of Glory!** I pray for myself, my family and all other believers what Paul prayed in Ephesians 1:18-19a, “*I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the **hope** to which He has called you, the riches of His **glorious** inheritance in His holy people, and His incomparably great power for us who believe.*” Oh, Father, I believe it is time for us to be consumed in Christ, the **Hope of Glory!** Please do whatever is necessary to strip all other attractions and affections from us. I pray these things with all **hope** in the name of Jesus, and for His **glory**. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

The Heir of All Things



Hebrews 1:1-4 In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, Whom He appointed **heir of all things**, and through Whom also He made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After He had provided purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. So He became as much superior to the angels as the name He has inherited is superior to theirs.

**The LORD JESUS CHRIST is the creator
and God's appointed heir of all things.**

Dear Father,

I rejoice that Jesus is Your One and Only Son. I am in awe that through Him the whole universe was made. Everything You have wanted to reveal to me and all people is made known by Him. My mind can only comprehend a little bit of the vast universe Your Son made, and the boundless wisdom, truth, righteousness, commands, promises and immeasurably more He has spoken (which is far beyond what the forefathers and prophets were able to speak of). Truly, Your Son is worthy of Your appointing Him **Heir of All Things**. All glory to You, and all glory to Jesus for His declaration of this in John 16:15, "*All that belongs to the Father is Mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from Me what He will make known to you.*" I wholeheartedly want the Spirit to make all of the **Heir of All Things** known to me and my family, and for us to live in all of Him. I rejoice in Romans 8:16-17, "*The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory.*" I pray these things in Christ's eternal, blessed name. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

The Radiance of God's Glory



Hebrews 1:1-4 In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, Whom He appointed heir of all things, and through Whom also He made the universe. The Son is the **radiance of God's glory** and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word. After He had provided purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. So He became as much superior to the angels as the name He has inherited is superior to theirs.

**The LORD JESUS CHRIST is the
perfect display of God's glory.**

Dear Father,

I bow before You, the God of **glory**, and before Your Son, the **Radiance** (splendor, brightness, excellence, perfection, dazzling light) **of God's (Your) Glory**. I am deeply grateful that through Christ You fully answered Moses' request in Exodus 33:18, "*Now show me your **glory**.*" I rejoice that in the incarnate Christ, Your magnificent **glory** (the full display of Who You are) radiates to us as John says in John 1:14, "*The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His **glory**, the **glory** of the one and only Son, Who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*" I want to know all of **the Radiance of God's Glory** that I can. I pray that You will help me know much more of Him, grow in my love relationship with Him, experience the depths of His power and **glory**, and speak continually of Him to many other believers. I join in the Doxology found in Jude 1:24-25, "*To Him Who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before His **glorious** presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.*"

What impacted me about Christ today...

The Exact Representation of His Being



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☞ **The LORD JESUS CHRIST exactly represents Who God is.** ☞

Dear Father,

It is amazing to conceive that Your Son is the **Exact Representation of His (Your) Being**. I rejoice that this name ties back to His being the “*Image of the Invisible God*” in Colossians 1:15. I marvel that Your Son's words **exactly represent** Your words to mankind; His righteousness **exactly represents** Your righteousness; His power **exactly represents** Your power; His majesty **exactly represents** Your majesty; His love **exactly represents** Your love; His grace **exactly represents** Your grace; His servant heart **exactly represents** Your servant heart; His promises **exactly represent** Your promises; His prayers **exactly represent** Your prayers; His rule and judgment **exactly represent** Your rule and judgment; His forgiveness **exactly represents** Your forgiveness; and on and on. Hallelujah! I KNOW YOU THROUGH YOUR SON, and I praise Your Son and You. I pray You will give me, my family members and all believers a devout passion to know all there is to know about the **Exact Representation of His Being**, and, thus, to know You more and more. I pray these things in His superior name. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

A Merciful and Faithful High Priest



Hebrews 2:14-18 Since the children have flesh and blood, He [Christ] too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels He helps, but Abraham’s descendants. For this reason He had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that He might become a **merciful and faithful high priest** in service to God, and that He might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because He himself suffered when He was tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

**The LORD JESUS CHRIST perfectly presents
man’s need for God to the Father.**

Dear Father,

I worship Jesus that He came to earth and was like people in every way, in order that He might become our **Merciful and Faithful High Priest**. I am deeply grateful that He knows how we think and feel, and what our trials, temptations, fears, sufferings and needs are, so He has immense mercy and compassion for us. Thank You also that He was completely **faithful** to Your mission for Him by saying all You told Him to say, and doing all You told Him to do. And, that He **faithfully** prayed to You, revered You, served You and revealed You to the world. I praise Him with all my heart that as our **High Priest** He **faithfully** offers the sacrifice and intercession that makes atonement for our sins. Please urge me, my family members and many other believers to give ourselves to knowing, adoring and living in our **Merciful and Faithful High Priest**. Finally, I pray Your Spirit will open the hearts and minds of multitudes of unsaved people all around us to the **Merciful and Faithful High Priest’s** transforming mercy and **faithfulness** too. I ask all these things in His name. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

Chosen and Precious Cornerstone



*1 Peter 2:6-9 For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a **chosen and precious cornerstone**, and the one who trusts in Him will never be put to shame.” Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” and, “A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message— which is also what they were destined for. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possessions, that you may declare the praises of Him Who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.*

The LORD JESUS CHRIST is God’s perfect beginning point of spiritual development.

Dear Father,

I am deeply grateful that going back to Isaiah 28:16, You declared You were going to lay the foundation of the Church in Jerusalem. I praise Jesus, that He gave His life in Jerusalem for our sins and completely fulfills this prophecy as the **Chosen** (Chief, Elect) **and Precious Cornerstone** of the Church. I worship Jesus that only in Him does the fullness of the Godhead dwell, and thus only He is acceptable to be **chosen** by You as the **cornerstone** of the foundation of the Church. I also worship Jesus that only He is absolutely **precious** to You, and to me and all others who have accepted Him as our Savior and the **Chosen and Precious Cornerstone** upon which to build our lives. When I think of the attributes that the **precious** Person of Jesus possesses, I marvel at His super-abundant love, grace, mercy, humility, righteousness, truth, excellence, peace, strength and so much more. I trust the **Chosen and Precious Cornerstone**; I love Him; I need Him; I put my life totally upon Him; I belong to Him; and I “*declare the praise of Him Who called me out of darkness into his wonderful light.*” I pray these things in His solid name. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

The Firstborn from the Dead



Revelation 1:4b-6 Grace and peace to you from Him Who is, and Who was, and Who is to come, and from the seven spirits before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, Who is the faithful witness, the **firstborn from the dead**, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him Who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve His God and Father—to Him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

The LORD JESUS CHRIST, raised from the dead, is the proof and promise of a resurrection of all saints.

Dear Father,

I am grateful that Jesus Christ is the **Firstborn from the Dead**. I praise You that while other people, like Lazarus, rose from the dead to die again, You raised Christ from His death on the cross to die no more. I am thankful for the powerful explanation of this truth in Acts 13:32-37, “*We tell you the good news: What God promised our ancestors He has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm: ‘You are My son; today I have become Your Father.’ God raised Him from the dead, so that He will never be subject to decay. As God has said, ‘I will give You the holy and sure blessings promised to David.’ So it is also stated elsewhere: ‘You will not let your holy one see decay.’ Now when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed. But the One Whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.*” I rejoice that because Jesus Christ, Your Son, is the **Firstborn From the Dead**, I and all people who receive Him as our Savior are Your sons and daughters and will one day rise from the dead with Him. Please strongly convict us to share this good news very soon with the many people in our lives who are currently lost and dying without Him. In His name I pray these things. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

The Amen



Revelation 3:14-16, 18-20 “To the angel of the Church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the **Amen**, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God’s creation. I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of My mouth... I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see. Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with Me.”

The LORD JESUS CHRIST is all there is of God’s truth. There can be no more of truth than what He says and Who He is.

Dear Father,

I exalt Christ that He gave Himself the title, the **Amen**, in this last letter to the churches. I praise Him for His pledge that all His words and revelations are the most true and trustworthy that can possibly be, especially compared to the lukewarmness and other deficiencies of those churches. I am so grateful that there is nothing more that can be said about You and Your kingdom beyond what He says and reveals. I again marvel at the authority and faithfulness of the **Amen** that Paul wrote about in 2 Corinthians 1:18-22, “*But as surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not ‘Yes’ and ‘No.’ For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, Who was preached among you by us—by me and Silas and Timothy—was not ‘Yes’ and ‘No,’ but in Him it has always been ‘Yes.’ For no matter how many promises God has made, they are ‘Yes’ in Christ. And so through Him the ‘Amen’ is spoken by us to the glory of God. Now it is God Who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set His seal of ownership on us, and put His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.*” I pray You will help me and all believers become on fire to know all the **Amen is**, and to “stand firm” in Him. In His name I pray these things. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

The Lion of the Tribe of Judah



*Revelation 5:4-5 I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the **Lion of the tribe of Judah**, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."*

**The LORD JESUS CHRIST is the unconquerable King
Who will lead His people to ultimate victory.**

Dear Father,

I exalt the Lord Jesus, the only One Who could be the **Lion of the Tribe of Judah**. I rejoice that He has always possessed all the power, authority, majesty, strength, dominion and wisdom of the supreme **Lion** to rule all of His kingdom. I praise Him that He is the Messiah of the **Tribe of Judah**, and the **Lion of the Tribe of Judah**, Who conquered suffering and death forever and ever! I bow before the sovereign **Lion of the Tribe of Judah** Who is absolutely worthy to break the seals and open the scrolls of the Revelation of the future! I join Charles Rolls in acknowledging the greatness of the **Lion** in "Time's Noblest Name": "The insuperable strength of Christ in His Lordship as the **Lion of Judah** enables Him to save to the uttermost, subdue all things to Himself, stabilize His kingdom eternally, and satisfy His redeemed forevermore. No force flourishes that He cannot frustrate; there is no might He cannot master, no strength He cannot subdue, and no power exists over which He cannot prevail. The position He holds and the power He wields entitle Him to coordinate the nations by gathering them together in one, to consummate an eternal union and to consolidate the everlasting Kingdom." I pray that I and all His subjects will submit our bodies, minds and spirits to the **Lion of the Tribe of Judah**, in Whose name I pray these things. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

A Lamb



Revelation 5:6a, 7-8a, 9-11a, 12 Then I saw a **Lamb**, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders.... He went and took the scroll from the right hand of Him Who sat on the throne. And when He had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the **Lamb**... And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because You were slain, and with Your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth." Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand... In a loud voice they were saying: "Worthy is the **Lamb**, Who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"

The LORD JESUS CHRIST, God's sacrificial creature, was slain for our sins and now possesses ALL authority.

Dear Father,

I exalt the perfect, sinless **Lamb** Who bears the marks of having been sacrificially slain (and is also the Lion of the Tribe of Judah). All glory to this Redeemer **Lamb** Whose life provides full atonement for my sins and the sins of all mankind. This awesome scene powerfully reminds me of the account John had recorded about Jesus decades earlier, in John 1:29, "The next day John [the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Look, the **Lamb** of God, Who takes away the sin of the world!'" I praise the Lamb that He has the full authority and dominion that is portrayed in the seven horns, and the full intelligence to see and know all things that is portrayed in the seven eyes, which are part of Your Spirit being sent out into all the earth. I join the vast worship of the **Lamb** that will one day erupt in heaven when the Lamb takes the scroll and opens its seals: "Worthy is the **Lamb**, Who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise." May such resounding praise of the worthy **Lamb** burst forth among His people everywhere today! I pray these things in His victorious name. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

Faithful and True



*Revelation 19:11-15 I [John] saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called **Faithful and True**. With justice He judges and wages war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on His head are many crowns. He has a name written on Him that no one knows but He Himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and His name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following Him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Coming out of His mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.*

**The LORD JESUS CHRIST is unwaveringly
dependable in all of His deeds.**

Dear Father,

I exalt the white horse's rider, Who is called **Faithful and True**. I rejoice that He is the victorious Messiah, in Whom dwells all the **faithfulness** and **truth** of the Godhead. I watch in eager anticipation that He will soon go forth to conquer the beast and the false prophet, and subject the whole world to Himself. Hallelujah! Jesus alone is **faithful** and worthy of the confidence of His whole Church in delivering us from all our enemies; and He is **true** to all the Biblical promises that have been made about Himself! I marvel that, with perfect justice, the **Faithful and True** judges and makes war, His eyes are like all-consuming, blazing fire, and on His head are the many crowns which testify to His holy character and deeds. I think of the many Scripture declarations of His might in battle, including Psalm 45:3-4, "*Gird Your sword on Your side, You mighty One; clothe Yourself with splendor and majesty. In Your majesty ride forth victoriously in the cause of **truth**, humility and justice; let Your right hand achieve awesome deeds.*" I pray that You will impress upon me and many other believers the renowned **faithfulness** and **truth** of Jesus, so we will die to all of self and live in all of Him. Please convince us that all our hope is in Him, in Whose name I pray these things. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

King of Kings



*Revelation 19:11-16 I [John] saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice He judges and wages war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on His head are many crowns. He has a name written on Him that no one knows but He Himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and His name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following Him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Coming out of His mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron scepter. He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On His robe and on His thigh He has this name written: “**KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.**”*

**The LORD JESUS CHRIST is the incomparably
supreme ruler over every king and kingdom.**

Dear Father,

I am in great anticipation as I read about the Lord Jesus Christ one day leading the armies of heaven with a sharp sword coming out of His mouth to strike down nations, and of His ruling the nations with an iron scepter, and inflicting Your wrathful judgments on the evil of the earth. I praise Christ that those who have received Him as their Savior will unite under His leadership, be strengthened and protected by Him, and be cleansed by His righteousness and truth, as they march with Him into His great and final conquest of the forces of evil! All glory to Him that in this war He will demonstrate ALL the attributes and powers of the incomparable, unprecedented, unconquerable and forever-ruling, supreme **KING OF KINGS!** I bow before the **KING OF KINGS** that this name will be on His robe and thigh, as the name that most boldly proclaims His glorious conquests (like earthly kings often have done when they conquered their adversaries). I pray that **right now** You will convince me and all other believers of the matchless majesty of the **KING OF KINGS**, so we will worship Him and devote ourselves to His rule over every part of our lives. I pray these things in the name of my **King**. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

Lord of Lords



*Revelation 19:11-16 I [John] saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice He judges and wages war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on His head are many crowns. He has a name written on Him that no one knows but He Himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and His name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following Him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Coming out of His mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron scepter. He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On His robe and on His thigh He has this name written: "KING OF KINGS AND **LORD OF LORDS.**"*

☞ **The LORD JESUS CHRIST outranks every other authority in every aspect.** ☞

Dear Father,

As I was in awe of Christ's supreme authority as KING OF KINGS, I am in awe of Him as **LORD OF LORDS!** I understand that lordship pertains to those who have the right to administrate one or more spheres of influence, and I marvel that the Lord Jesus Christ administrates and predominates ALL other administrators of ALL spheres of influence. He is Lord of all leaders, rulers, magistrates, warriors, legislators, judges, mediators, authorities, managers and every other imaginable lordship! I am reminded of Peter's statement at Cornelius' house in Acts 10:36, "You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, Who is **Lord of all.**" Glory to Jesus Christ that He is **Lord** of all—in war and in peace! I agree with Charles Rolls in worshiping Christ about His lordship: "The ultimate of His unlimited lordship is inevitable, for all conflicts must cease, all fetters fall, all persecutors perish, all tyrannies terminate, all evils end, and even death itself must be destroyed. Whenever we dwell on the capabilities of Christ, the very foresight of His prescience, the vast insight of His providence, and the vital oversight of His preeminence assure the mind forever that He is really and truly **Lord of lords.**" I pray that I and the whole Church of today will submit ourselves completely to the oversight of the **LORD OF LORDS**, in Whose name I pray these things. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

The Alpha and the Omega



Revelation 21:1-3, 5a, 6-7 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God."... He Who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"... He said to me: "It is done. I am the **Alpha and the Omega**, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be My children."

☞ **The LORD JESUS CHRIST is the full spectrum of godliness.** ☞

Dear Father,

I rejoice that although what Jesus says in this passage (and in all of Revelation) is for the future, it will all happen with all certainty because You and Jesus have said it will happen. Thus, "*It is done!*" Hallelujah, that You and Jesus are trustworthy, true and unchangeable (Godly)! I also rejoice that today's name of Jesus, the **Alpha and the Omega**, uses the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, which confirms that He has been God for all eternity past, and will be God for all eternity future. I praise Jesus that there is nothing before Him, beyond Him, after Him or in addition to Him, so that I and all people who believe in Him as Savior can be certain that we will soon inherit all He is and all His kingdom. It is so reassuring to know that all Your promises to the thirsty, including in Isaiah 55:1, are ultimately fulfilled in the **Alpha and Omega**: "*Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.*" Please convince me and all other believers today to wholeheartedly delight in Jesus, "the riches of fare," in Whose name I pray these things. Amen.

What impacted me about Christ today...

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APPENDIX I: Notes for a Message About the Prince of Peace

Isaiah 9:1-2, 6-7

*Isaiah 9:1-2, 6-7 Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past He humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future He will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan—The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned... For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace**. Of the greatness of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.*

I. The spiritual condition of the people of Israel—and all people (verses 1-2)

The people were living in gloom or distress, and walking in the darkness of sin.

II. Isaiah's prophecy of God's solution (verse 2)

The people who have been walking in darkness (without God), “*have seen a great light;*” and “*on those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned.*” The Messiah would come.

III. The Messiah would come as a baby (verse 6)

“*...to us a child is born,*” and “*to us a son is given.*” God would give (send) His One and Only Son to His people. “*...and the government will be on His shoulders.*” The Father would put the entire responsibility and authority of governing His kingdom upon His Son, Jesus the Messiah.

IV. Four names the Messiah would be called as He governs God's kingdom (verse 6)

- Wonderful Counselor, with all of God's wisdom to guide His people in perfect righteousness and truth.
- Mighty God, with all of God's might and power, to conquer the devil's forces, protect and provide for the needs of His people, judge all people and rule all His kingdom.

- Everlasting Father, who would tenderly, yet powerfully, “father” all the children the Father gave Him.
- Prince of Peace. Jesus fulfilled Ezekiel 34:24 and Ezekiel 37:25 about King David being the prince of his people. Jesus is the author of peace, and through Him is all peace.

V. Some Scriptures about Jesus as the Prince of Peace

- In Luke 1:78-79, Zechariah spoke of the tender mercy of God, by which the rising sun (the Messiah) would shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide their feet into the path of peace.
- In Luke 2:13-14, a host of angels announced Jesus’ birth, “...*praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests.’*”
- Hebrews 7 says that Jesus is a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek, the King of Salem, the King of Peace.
- 2 Thessalonians 3:16 says, “*Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times and in every way.*”

VI. How did the Prince of Peace bring peace into the world?

- Isaiah 53:5: “*But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.*”
- Acts 5:30-31: “*The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead—whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted Him to His own right hand as the Prince and Savior that He might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel.*”
- Ephesians 2:14-17: “*For He Himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in His flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in Himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which He put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.*”

VII. Some of the verses where Jesus spoke of peace through Himself:

- Luke 7:48-50: *“Your sins are forgiven... Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”*
- Luke 8:48: *“Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace.”*
- John 14:27: *“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”*
- John 16:33: *“I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”*
- John 20:21: *“As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you. Peace be with you.”*

VIII. Justice, righteousness and peace through the Messiah’s eternal reign

- Isaiah 9:7: *“Of the greatness of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.”*
- Romans 5:1-3: *“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with our God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.”*

IX. Do YOU believe in Jesus, the One and Only Prince of Peace? Have you trusted Him as the Peace-giver of your life?

Colossians 3:15 says, *“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts...”*

X. A saying to remember about Jesus, the Prince of Peace

No Jesus, No Peace. Know Jesus, Know Peace.

APPENDIX II: Notes for a Message About the Lamb of God

John 1:23-27, 29-30

John 1:23-27, 29-30 John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, “I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way for the Lord.’” Now the Pharisees who had been sent questioned him, “Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” “I baptize with water,” John replied, “but among you stands One you do not know. He is the One who comes after me, the straps of Whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.”... The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world! This is the One I meant when I said, ‘A man Who comes after me has surpassed me because He was before me.’”

I. John the Baptist fulfilled the Isaiah 40:3-5 prophecy

“A voice of one calling: ‘In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; MAKE STRAIGHT IN THE DESERT A HIGHWAY FOR OUR GOD. EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE RAISED UP, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the LORD WILL BE REVEALED, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the LORD HAS SPOKEN.’”

II. How did John the Baptist prepare the way for the coming of Jesus, the Lamb of God (the Messiah)?

- John “prepared the way” (“made the way straight”) for the Messiah to come to the people of Israel, by removing any sinful obstacles in their lives.
- Luke 3:3 says that John the Baptist, “...went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” And, Luke 3: 7-8 says, “John said to the crowds coming to be baptized by him, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping repentance.’”

III. John the Baptist said the Lamb of God was already “among” the people

- In John 1, verse 26, John announced that the One he was preparing the way for was already “among” them, but they did not know Him (as the

long-awaited Messiah, the Anointed One). John was not even worthy to untie the straps of the sandals of the One he had been preparing the way for. The people were to look only to Jesus, the Lamb of God, for forgiveness—not to John or anyone else!

- The people had to wait until the next day to see Jesus, the Lamb of God, for themselves. In verses 29-30, John said, “*Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because He was before me.’*”
- John was saying that Jesus was the divine Son of God, Who had existed for all time. This is like what Jesus said of Himself in John 8:58, that He was the “I am,” Who was before Abraham.

IV. Who is Jesus, the Lamb of God?

- The Jewish people knew exactly what lambs were. They were innocent, meek and gentle animals. Jesus was innocent, or sinless (2 Corinthians 5:21); “*gentle and humble at heart*” (Matthew 11:29); and meek (Matthew 5:5) like a lamb.
- Lambs were offered as sacrifices at the annual Passover celebration to remind the people of their deliverance from Egypt, and as sacrifices for their daily worship in the temple. The people knew that the Messiah would fulfill Isaiah 53:7: “*He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth.*” Jesus was the true, and eternal, Passover Lamb (1 Corinthians 5:7).

V. God sent Jesus, the Lamb of God, to Earth

- Jesus, the sacrificial Passover Lamb, was “*of God.*” He was appointed by God, approved by God, sent by God, to do the purposes of God, and to glorify God.
- One Bible passage that tells why God gave (sent) His Son to earth is John 3:16-17, “*For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.*” Another passage is 1 John 4:10, “*This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son, as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.*”

VI. What did the Lamb of God do for all people?

- Jesus, the Lamb of God, was the only acceptable sacrifice, Who could *“take away the sin of the world,”* by bearing on His body all the sufferings God required for the cleansing or pardoning of sin. Jesus took on the full weight, the full penalty, for our sin! Isaiah 53:4-6 prophesied that, *“Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities, the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”*
- 1 Peter 2:24 also confirms that Jesus, the Lamb of God, fulfilled that prophecy: *“He [Jesus] Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by His wounds you have been healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.”*
- Although the Jews were God’s chosen people, and they were the first to hear about the sin-bearing death of Jesus, He gave His life to pardon (ransom) the sin of all Jews and Gentiles—all people in the whole world. 1 John 2:2 says: *“He [Jesus] is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.”*
- And, Romans 3:24-25 says that *“... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.”*

VII. Some of the Lamb of God’s eternal victories in The Book of Revelation

- **Revelation 5**, The Heavenly hosts will rejoice that the Lamb has been slain, and with His blood He purchased men for God from every tribe, language, people and nation. They will fall before Him and worship Him!
- **Revelation 7:14**, The robes of those who come out of the great tribulation will be washed pure white by the blood of the Lamb.

- **Revelation 14:1-5**, The Lamb will be standing with the 144,000 who have His name and the Father's name written on their foreheads. They will follow the Lamb wherever He goes.
- **Revelation 17:14**, Ten kings will give their kingdoms and power to the beast and make war against the Lamb—*“but the Lamb will overcome them because He is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with Him will be His called, chosen and faithful followers.”*

VIII. May all followers of Jesus live in the Lamb of God right now!

Let us worship the Lamb of God, thank the Lamb of God, adore the Lamb of God, follow the Lamb, surrender every part of our lives to the Lamb of God, and tell the world about the Lamb of God. Let us “prepare the way” for the Lamb of God in our families, workplaces, schools, churches and communities.

APPENDIX III: The Good News of Salvation in Jesus Christ!

Everyone needs God! Everyone needs His Son, Jesus Christ, as our Savior.

If you have not believed in Jesus to be your Savior, we strongly invite you to read all of what is said below about Him, and say the prayer at the end.

God is holy.

God is completely righteous and pure. He cannot have a relationship with anyone who is not holy.

All people have sinned.

The Bible says in Romans 3:23, that “...*all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*” What that means is that since Adam and Eve (the first two people in the world) disobeyed God, every person is born with a “sin nature” in them. No person can be good enough or do enough good things to overcome that sin nature. And, no person can cleanse (get rid of, or overcome) that sin nature for ourselves.

The wages of sin is death...

Romans 6:23 begins with saying, “*The wages of sin is death...*” That verse is talking about the penalty or price that all people have to pay spiritually if our sin is never forgiven (or cleansed). We will be spiritually dead forever. We will spend eternity in hell—without God.

But, God made a way for our sins to be cleansed—for us to be set free our sin!

John 3:16 says, that God loves all the people in the world so much, that He sent His Son, Jesus, into the world, so that everyone can choose to believe in Jesus, and immediately receive a new, clean relationship with God and “eternal life.”

How can we become clean (or “saved”) from our sin through Jesus?

Jesus was the only perfect, sinless man, because He was (and is) also God. Even though He had never sinned, He allowed Himself to be put on a cross to pay the price for the sin of all people. He was beaten, and nails were driven into His hands and feet. He bled and He died on the cross for us.

Three days after that, God brought Jesus back to life. God opened the tomb where Jesus was buried. Jesus was alive again! He had risen from the grave. He had conquered the power of sin and death—forever!

Eternal life is God’s free gift through Jesus Christ.

We read earlier that the first part of Romans 6:23 says, “*The wages of sin is death...*”

[spiritual death]. The second part of that verse is, “. . .but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” So, ANYONE who receives the free gift God has given for us (Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross), will receive ETERNAL LIFE. That eternal life will make you a new person—God’s son or daughter—right now—and, when you die physically, you will go and be with Him in heaven forever!

Jesus said in John 14:6, “*I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*” So, EVERYONE needs Jesus. He is THE ONLY WAY to the Father!

How can you receive LIFE in Jesus—and become a child of God—right now?

Romans 10:9 is a promise from God to you. It says, “*If you confess with your mouth ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*” It is that simple, but it is the most significant, life-changing decision you will ever make.

Remember—God absolutely loves you—no matter who you are, or what you have done. You don’t have to clean up or fix any part of your life before you come to Him. If you are ready to trust Jesus to be your Savior and Lord (Master, Ruler, Protector, Guide), He is listening. You can say the prayer below, or use your own words:

“Dear Jesus,

I need you.

I know that I am a sinner.

I believe that You gave Your life to pay the price for MY sin.

I’m sorry. Please forgive me.

I want You to be my Savior and my Lord.

I want to live for You.

Please fill me with Your strength, Your love, Your thoughts, Your words—all of you.

Help me to always hold on to You.

Thank You so much! Amen.”

If you said those words, God has forgiven your sin because of what Jesus did for you. You are God’s son or daughter. You are a Christian. Tell someone about your wonderful new life, and become a part of a group of other Christians who will help you grow in your relationship with God.

APPENDIX IV:

“Show Me Your Glory” Prayer Card

God’s glory in His presence

The phrase, “*Show me your glory,*” is what Moses asked God to do in Exodus 33:18. God had said His presence would go with Moses and the people of Israel as He led them from Mt. Sinai to the Promised Land. So, Moses asked God to “*show,*” or manifest, or pour out His glory (all that He is) to the people. Moses knew that the people could not survive without God’s glory in His presence.

All of God’s presence and glory is in the Lord Jesus Christ now.

In 2 Corinthians 4:6, Paul said: “For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face [Person] of Christ.”

God’s glory is in His Son today! So, may many Filipino believers worship Christ for His glory (all that he is), thank Him for revealing His glory in His Word, and PRAY continually for Him to “show His glory” in every part of your lives and throughout all of the Philippines.

WHAT WOULD GOD DO IF MANY, MANY FILIPINO BELIEVERS CONTINUALLY....

1. **Worshipped Christ** for showing (displaying) His glory in all of heaven and earth around you.
2. **Thanked Christ** for showing (revealing) His glory in all of His Word to you.
3. **Prayed for Christ** to show (demonstrate, manifest, pour out) His glory in:
 - Every part of your lives and your families
 - Every part of your churches
 - All the people in your neighborhoods
 - Every other person or situation the Holy Spirit brings into your lives.

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Charles Spurgeon

"Preach Christ, always and everywhere. He is the whole Gospel. His person, His offices and work must be our one great, all-comprehending theme."

Oswald Chambers

"There is only One Being who can satisfy the aching of the human heart, and that is the Lord Jesus Christ."

John Wesley

"If I had 300 men who feared nobody but God and hated nothing but sin and were determined to have nothing known among men but CHRIST and Him crucified, I could set the world on fire."

Martin Luther

"For nothing counts with God, except His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who is completely pure and holy before Him. Where He is, there God looks and has His pleasure."

John Stott

"The riches of Christ are unsearchable (Eph. 3:8). Like the earth, they are too vast to explore, like the sea too deep to fathom. They are untraceable, inexhaustible, illimitable, inscrutable and incalculable. What is certain about the wealth Christ has and gives is that we shall never come to an end of it."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"In Jesus Christ the reality of God entered into the reality of this world.... Henceforth one can speak neither of God nor of the world without speaking of Jesus Christ. All concepts of reality which do not take account of Him are abstractions."



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