



**JESUS** replied: "Love  
the LORD your GOD  
with all your heart and  
with all your soul  
and with all your mind."

[Matthew 22:37](#)

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## Knowing **CHRIST** is Having Life's Bloom

The hidden compartments within our hearts are open to the HOLY SPIRIT's probing. He is able to do so since He holds and brings out Truth. Nothing is hidden from Him. He is aware of every pulsation of the heart and knows the thoughts in every person's mind.

We have to acknowledge that our life is like an open book to GOD. I love the truth that the LORD JESUS, who is GOD Himself, knew that we would be in need of Someone to guide and mentor us in our ways thus He sent His HOLY SPIRIT to live within us. Without proper direction and right leading, our walk will no doubt bring us to life's quicksand. The HOLY SPIRIT's leading is truly a blessing for all for He holds the only reliable life's compass – one that never errs. But it is our willingness to accept GOD's love to make His indwelling effective.

Nature gets nutrients from water, sunlight and air directly from GOD's hands. We, too, are well fed by our loving LORD through His loving grace and Living Word. His message gives sustenance to our soul, mind, heart and spirit. His healing power, cleansing and guaranteed, can't be compared to any person's skills or expertise. His choice for us is to choose the path He offers—obedience and righteousness. Are our steps following Him faithfully? Are our ears inclined to listen to His voice when He calls? Are our eyes able to see His image when He appears through simple acts of people and life's events? Do our hearts hold a special place solely for Him?

The LORD is calling and we know this to be true. He gives us that option to choose the path to walk on. That choice is solely upon us whether we want to know and obey Him. When we do, He promises eternal togetherness. What a wonderful opportunity to show Him that we indeed want Him! We know we need Him but wanting Him has to come from within because. This want is simply not a passing phase in life but a forever commitment if we truly choose to. What a blessing to share His love, peace and truth with others! How wonderful to always be in bloom because of our faith in Him and His trust in us!

The scent of JESUS' love is forever preserved in our being once we know Him. He is there for every reason and season. Once in a while, and all of us experienced this, we have this unexplained tugging in our hearts or a longing that can't be understood. It is to me the prompting of the HOLY SPIRIT—a prompting to take a pause from our busy schedule and commune with our Creator

## **PRAISING THE LORD MOST HIGH!**

**Holy, Holy is the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!**  
**Holy, Holy, Holy is the LORD!**

He is Truth, He's alive; He is calling.  
Can't you hear His voice in the wind  
Rest your soul;  
Rest your heart in His love so true  
Give your life to Him; He'll make it new

He is Truth; He's alive; He is calling  
In our needs we can run to Him  
His mercy and His grace will revive you  
Search for Him and His forgiveness, too

Be that strong in your faith when you follow  
The LORD knows everything about you  
There is nothing to hide; we need Him to survive  
He is Truth; He's calling; He's alive.

Feel His mercy and get soaked in His loving grace  
In our repentance, forgiveness He gives  
Ever-giving, ever-gentle are all part of Him  
He's Truth! He's alive! He's calling.

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and Savior of the world. It is a reminder to stop and listen to the inner voice of peace, freedom, comfort and true direction.

GOD longs to hear our voices—praising, glorifying, honoring Him; giving Him our thanks for all He had done and still continues to do; this or maybe just to say hello letting Him know we're thinking of Him. It is a known fact that when we go to Him in moments of agitation, there is unfathomed peace and comfort and that inner strength which holds us steady on course. This strength is GOD's love.

Let us remember the LORD JESUS who gave His own life to save all. It is enough evidence of GOD's perpetual love for us. Today, there are still so many who are tying their tomorrow's to the world and not to the One who can revive the death of the soul.

I sometimes wonder if we take the time to be humbled by His omnipotence, omniscience and omnipresence. He awakens us every morning to the truth of our inhaling and exhaling life He breathed into us.

When everything is in disarray, we do not hesitate to call upon the LORD GOD for His love is ever-filling. He keeps His promise that He can help in His own way and at His own time, and this we have to trust for His ways are perfect.

Do we hear His voice in the midst of peril? Do we sense Him helping us up from our fall? Do we see Him on the face of a homeless person or from an outstretched hand of an elderly needing acceptance and understanding. I often wonder if we can forgive those who have wronged us as He had forgiven. Can we truly grasp the essence of a child's love for Him? Would we trade His love for but a short-lived moment of fame, wealth and love? I wonder.

Truly there are answers to all these. On my part, I only want a simple path to walk onto that — which prescribes an unceasing redemption of life each time I fall. For this world has so many trenches. This is redemption is of genuine love and affection, total acceptance and trust... priceless and ageless..... one which only He can give.

**Hebrews 4:7 “....Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts.”**

### ***Sing to the LORD***

In His righteousness He leads us  
His way is the only one for all  
How majestic is the LORD's name  
He makes our lives so full  
Let the truth of His Living WORD  
penetrate our very soul  
Let's renew our commitment with GOD –  
let Him be our ultimate goal.

He fills our hearts with joy  
We have so much to rejoice  
He has come and lived among us  
Giving us that easy choice  
If we want to dwell in safety,  
if we want our lives to gain  
We'll have to follow JESUS  
so life won't be in vain.

Let's get soaked in the LORD's love –  
it truly has no end  
GOD has sacrificed His only SON  
that we may be redeemed  
Our lives have been ingrained with sin  
on our own we won't find the way  
But JESUS is offering His hand –  
let's accept Him and be free!

## **Beholding the Faith of a Child**

A young couple caught my attention when they came in during one Saturday morning service I got invited to attend. With this beautiful, adorable little girl. She couldn't be more than two years old. This couple showed contentment in life and their precious daughter looked very charming in her ways. While her parents changed pleasantries with other churchgoers, she stood on the pew and looked around. My eyes kept looking at her then she happened to look back and saw me smiling and we both found ourselves waving at each other.

Her tender spirit warmed my soul. It was during the worship (singing) that I saw her raise her hands, giving praise and honor to the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY.

Picture perfect! There she was, caught in the melody of such faithfulness. Witnessing such innocence and pure devotion moved me beyond tears having been reminded what a child's faith is all about. The LORD taught His disciples of this truth. [Matthew 18:1-14](#)

How intoxicating to have such special love for our Maker and to be reminded of the truth that He loves us even more. What I saw did not only captivate my heart but made me ache in my longings for the LORD. Thankful that I got invited by friends to come to a Messianic service this day. Trivial as it may sound, this certain event touched my heart so much that I kept it as one of my testimonies with the aim to share when the time comes. *Today is that sharing day.* I was thankful I came along that day for there in the midst of believers, JESUS, came and showed what loving Him is all about—that we must love Him with all our heart, mind and soul. A child has taught the joy of being embraced by GOD's love and His truth. That invitation had to happen, I told myself. How I thanked the HOLY SPIRIT for sending me the message that day.

There was no question in this little girl's heart. She simply gave it her all. With eyes closed and arms raised to heaven, she continued to sing joyfully. Those who witnessed this lovely episode of faith understood GOD's message. What a joyous occasion for the heart to embrace. That day, my blessings were doubled indeed. Beholding the faith of a child was another GOD's blessing. Praise be to GOD!


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melody of her faithfulness.....




# Prayer Section




Gentle LORD, forgiving GOD, mentoring HOLY SPIRIT—life with You is eternal. Moments spent with You are so beautiful! Wonderful it is to get fresh nurturing each day focusing on You and Your greatness. Your righteousness inspires us all and we aim to be followers of Your ways. Teach us always to be dead in sin and to always fulfill our life's goals in Your name. The roads are too numerous along the way and most are so convoluted. Please be with us in our every step, every aim, every thought, every deed so that we will not stumble along the way. Guide our hearts, particularly in our search for truth and in making life's choices for we want only what You want.



The moans of the wind and the swaying of trees tell me of Your presence, dear LORD. At this moment when the leaves dance to the rhythm of the gentle showers, heart is joyful and content. My whole soul is soaked by songs, words of praises, shared prayers and thoughts among friends. How beautiful it is truly to be loved by You and to share Your message of hope and peace. Thank You, LORD.




LORD of all, we search for truth and experience awakening about You and Your righteousness. Peace becomes tangible with Your presence. You nourish our spirit with just the right spices to use in our every-day existence. You revive our senses when we are weary from the havocs of the day. The needs are plentiful but You have taught us to be persevering, pliant to withstand the changes that are inevitable... often we feel like crawling in a corner to hide cause the mind and heart can't tackle at times what we can't understand or unable to help regardless how we try. Yet in the midst of burdening situations, You remind us of the courage within that inspires to press on in those deep valleys. You provide the gleaming hope on every road we take. You are our shield and protection. Your guidance and direction are what we need to make it through the mountains and the storms of life at present time. How You tame them with Your mere whisper, Father. Our life is in Your hands. We surrender all that we are to You. ~




Dear LORD, You send prompting to our heart that is so beautiful and can't be ignored. It is that which reminds us of our commitment of loving others the way You do. Your truth is the very core of our togetherness. Thank You for reminding us always.


We praise and glorify You, dear Father! Your love for us is truly the greatest blessing in life. You fill our soul with so much love and fill the empty chambers of our being with continual awakening of Your truth. How wonderful that with You we find solace and harmony. Praying to You shields us from so many ongoing challenges and brings release to so many constricting circumstances that sometimes cripple our minds and put shackles in our hearts that believe. Thank You for direction and comfort during difficult days. Unceasing thanks to You for not abandoning us. {raise and glory to You forever!}




Invigorate us to love even more in Your name, dear LORD JESUS! Teach us how to share You and Your love with those in broken relationships and those in dire need of protection from the enemy. You hold us together in every battle for we are bound to fail at every angle on our own. Paling will be our endurance. Forgive us for the lack of understanding that may hinder our trust in You. We aim to become mature each day in our following You.



Though the world is in chaos, LORD, we know that it has not lost its beauty in any way. We are still able to grasp the meaning of each opening bud in the early morn and get mesmerized by the whirring sounds of cicadas during dusk. We smile seeing the tap-dancing of raindrops on the ground. We witness the radiating beauty of the sun and the outbursts of colors during sunset. All carry Your truth. Thank You, LORD, for these living reminders.



Loving LORD and GOD, The enemy tempts and lures and without proper guidance we can get blinded in our walk with You – particularly when such faithfulness had been affected by wrongful motivation. We are in the throng of those who are moved by goals for self satisfaction and selfish desires. Indeed, the chaos in this world, camouflaged by worldly mirth and glee, has put many on a high gear of wanting more, aiming for that which is non-lasting and more embracing of man's ways – alienating from their very focus that which is You.



LORD, how You teach us of our own ways with people! Each moment truly spells Your truth. We need silence to be able to hear Your voice. The truth of Your love is everywhere. This gleaming Hope you want us to pass to people in need bring more hearts back to You. Glory to You forever!