

SESSION TWO

MY PERSONAL WORSHIP LIFE

(Jesus) "...Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment."

(Matthew 22:37-38 NIV)

LOVING GOD

Jesus said that the number one thing that God wants from us is to love Him with everything that is within us. And that's what worship is; worship is expressing our love to God.

That's why the filling of the Spirit is so important. The Holy Spirit loves God and He wants to fulfill God's will! So when He takes control of your life, He causes you to want to express love to God in worship, which is God's greatest desire for you to do.

HOW TO LOVE GOD

If my main purpose in life is to love God, then how do I do that? There are four requirements...

1.- LOVING GOD REQUIRES FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

We need to remember that God is a Person, therefore loving God involves having a personal relationship with Him. The Bible calls this special relationship with God, "fellowship."

THE DEFINITION OF FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

"And our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ." (1 John 1:3 NIV)

What is fellowship? Fellowship is a relationship that is built on what you share in common with someone else. Someone said that fellowship is "fellows in the same ship." When you're in the same boat with someone else - maybe you have the same interests, the same outlook on life, the same goals - you have something in common that you can build a relationship around. And that's what fellowship with God is, a relationship that's built on what you both share in common.

Let me illustrate what I'm talking about. Suppose that you're shipwrecked on a deserted island and the only companion you have is a turtle. Now, you can try to have a meaningful relationship with that turtle, but it just won't work. Why? Because you have nothing in common. You have two totally different natures. But suppose that somehow that turtle is transformed into a human. Then could you have fellowship? Sure, because you now share the same nature in common.

Before we were saved we had a sinful nature. We had nothing in common with God and thus had no fellowship with Him. But when we were born again God transformed our nature to be like His. So we now have the capacity to have fellowship with God because we share His nature.

THE DESIGN OF FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

"...like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, 'You shall be holy for I am holy.'" (1 Peter 1:15-16 NASV)

The design of fellowship with God is for us to become like Him, to share His character. The greater your fellowship with someone, the more you will have in common with them.

When I met my wife, we had a few things in common. We shared some of the same interests and outlook on life. That was enough to establish a basic relationship. But we didn't want to leave it at that. No, we wanted to deepen our relationship so that we had more and more in common.

The most basic thing we have in common with God is His nature. And that's enough to establish a relationship between us. But what we want to do is to build on that until we have a close, intimate relationship with God where we find ourselves having more and more in common with Him until, ideally, we become just like Him. That's what fellowship is designed for.

Now, the tragedy is that many Christians, though they have a basic relationship with God, don't have that great, intimate fellowship with Him that is transforming their lives. Why? Because you have to work at it and develop that kind of fellowship. How do you do that?

2.- LOVING GOD REQUIRES KNOWING GOD

It's possible to know about God and yet not know God. You can study and learn facts about what God has done and what God is like, and that's important; but the Bible says, "*Taste and see that the Lord is good.*" (Ps.34:8) We need to know God in an experiential way, too. That is, we need to experience God. We need to get to know Him personally in such a way that our lives are changed by Him.

"...Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." (1 John 4:7-8 NIV)

In other words, when you know and experience God, it has an effect on you so that you become like the God you know. John gave the example that if God's character of love is being reproduced in you, it's because you have experienced and known Him in a way that has changed you to be like Him. If that's not the case, even if you know about Him, you don't know Him.

We need to know God in the same way that we, ideally, know our husband or wife. In fact, the word "know" is used in the Bible to talk about the sexual relationship that husbands and wives have where they know and experience one other on the most intimate level. Have you ever noticed that a husband and wife who have lived together for a long time and loved one another deeply become alike? They act alike, they talk alike, sometimes they even look alike! That's the result of "knowing" one another.

And loving God requires us to know Him like that. We need to know and experience God in a way that totally reshapes us into His image.

3.- LOVING GOD REQUIRES SEEKING GOD

"O God, You are my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water." (Psalm 63:1 NKJV)

Now, we're not talking about seeking God in the way lost people do who don't have God. It's not seeking and finding God. It's seeking the heart of the God we've found. There's a difference between coming to know God and getting to know God. We're talking about seeking to get to know our God better, seeking to commune with God.

Think about your relationship with your spouse. When you were dating, you had a relationship with them; but it was more of a surface kind of relationship. You didn't know them like you do now. How did you get to know your spouse on a deeper level? By working at it. You made the effort to seek out the person they really are under the surface. You spent time together in probing conversation and intimacy. You sought out one another's hearts.

And that's exactly what we're talking about in our relationship with God. We're talking about seeking out God's heart; making an intentional effort to get to know Him intimately and to open ourselves up to Him as well. It's a communion between lovers: you and God, because that's what God is. He's the lover of your soul. Read the Song of Solomon sometime. It's a story of two lovers; and it's a metaphor of the love relationship and the intimate communion that we should be having with God.

So, if we want to love God, we'll want to get to know God. And if we want to get to know God, we must make the effort to seek Him in an intimate, deep communion.

4.- SEEKING GOD REQUIRES TIME WITH GOD

Think about it this way. When you give your life to Christ, what are you really giving Him? Your time! Life is time. You can't give your life to God and expect to get to know Him intimately and yet not be willing to give Him your time as well. It's impossible. How much time are you giving God?

Assuming a life-span of sixty-seven years, the average person spends his life like this: three years getting an education, eight years relaxing, six years eating, five years riding in a car, four years talking, fourteen years working, three years reading, twenty-four years sleeping; and if he went to church every week and prayed for five minutes every morning and evening, he would have given give five months to God! Five months out of

sixty-seven years!!

*"Live life, then, with a due sense of responsibility, not as men who do not know the meaning of life but as those who do. **Make the best use of your time**, despite all the evils of these days."*
(Ephesians 5:15 Phillips)

And if you want to have a quality love-relationship with God, you are going to have to realize that you can't manufacture, borrow or save time. There are only twenty-four hours a day to spend, so you're going to have to take time from something else you've been doing and invest that time in your relationship with God.

SIX FACTS ABOUT TIME:

- 1) There is enough time to do all you ought to do. God knows there are only twenty-four hours in each day and 168 in every week. He puts them there, so He would be unreasonable to expect more of you than you have time to do. And God is never unreasonable.
- 2) There is not enough time to do all you want to do or other people expect you to do. You have to make a choice.
- 3) Everything worthwhile takes time. It takes time to build a healthy relationship with God.
- 4) If you choose to do what you ought to do, you will not have time to do what you should not do. The best way to keep from evil is to do good.
- 5) You have the same amount of time as anybody else.
- 6) The way you spend "free time" (the time you have a choice about) is a good indicator of your value system, what you think is important.

And so, if you're serious about having a personal worship life where you can get to know God and express your love for Him, then you're going to have to make a decision to set aside some time each day to seek God in personal worship. Right now, think about when the best time is to spend time with God in worship, and write that down in your notes.

MY APPOINTMENT WITH GOD

I WILL MEET GOD FOR WORSHIP AT _____ EACH _____
(time of day) (time period - week/day)
FOR _____
(amount of time)

Consider the time that you have just written down as your "appointment with God." If you wouldn't break your appointment with people, how much more you shouldn't stand God up!

A METHOD FOR WORSHIPING GOD: S.A.M.E.

Now, what do you do during this worship time? You want to fellowship with God. So, let me share with you a simple method for worshiping and fellowshiping with God in your personal time with Him. You remember what fellowship with God is? It's a relationship that's built on what you both share in common. So, this method uses the acronym: S.A.M.E. You want to get on the "same" wavelength as God.

Set your worship place.

Choose someplace where you can be alone, and make this your worship place. Jesus spoke of going into your closet to pray. Some people use a spot in their garden, some have a room in the house. Others do it during a daily walk. But it's important to have a definite place because you'll come to connect that place with your worship life. It'll literally become your "sanctuary." You'll get to where just going to that place will create an expectancy of worship.

Ask God to meet you in this time.

This is just a very short, simple prayer. You're simply asking God to meet you and commune with your spirit in a very real way. Ask for Him to make Himself known to you in this time.

Meditate on God's Word.

The Scriptures were not written just to be content. They were given to us by God to be a spring-board for getting to know God and having fellowship with Him. In fact, the Bible is full of love letters from God that show us His heart. It's full of maps that guide us into His presence. It has recipes that help us recognize His purposes. It contains clues to the ultimate treasure: God Himself. And so, you want to use the Scriptures to help your soul commune with God.

So begin reading the Scriptures. Search every verse to get out of it all that it has to say to you. You're not reading for the sake of getting a lesson to teach or some profound truth to share with someone else. You're reading for no other purpose than to feed your soul and to hear from God.

Meditate on the things you read. And you use those techniques of meditation that you learned in MaturityLife where you "relate it" (use your imagination and try to relate to it), you "reemphasize it" (say the verse out loud, each time emphasizing a different word), you "reword it" (restate the verse in your own words), you "refocus it" (make it personal), you "repeat it" (turn the verse into a prayer and repeat it to God), and you "reflect it" (reflect on it and ask: Is there a point to remember, a promise from God, a precept to keep, a principle to follow, a practical application, a practice to change, a pattern to imitate, or a prayer to pray?)

Express yourself to God conversationally.

As you are meditating on a verse, it will be natural for your soul to want to respond in prayer. Don't think of prayer as an action that you do before and after worship, but as a part of worship. Prayer is conversation. It is a give and take. And so, as naturally as you would listen to a friend and then respond to something that they had said to you, you respond to what God says to you in His Word by praying. Praying when? Whenever God says something to you.

For example, if you're meditating on a verse and suddenly you realize that you're not doing what God says you should do, or maybe you're doing what He says you shouldn't do, then you stop right there and confess your sin to God. Or, if you're meditating on a verse that talks about how good God is, or it reminds you of some blessing, stop and thank God. Or, you may be led to praise or intercession or submission or supplication or asking God to guard you from evil.

The point is, as soon as God speaks to your soul through His Word, express yourself to God right then and there. And then, go back to reading and meditating. And when God speaks to you again, stop again and pray about that. Meditate, pray, meditate, pray; just like a conversation.

THE POWER OF PRAISE

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name." (Psalm 100:4 NKJV)

According to that verse, we enter God's presence best by praising Him and giving Him thanks. When Jesus gave us the Model Prayer, He taught us to begin with praise:

"Pray along these lines: 'Our Father in heaven, we honor Your holy name...'" (Matt.6:9 LB)

Here are several Scriptures that actually command that we praise God:

"Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name." (Hebrews 13:15 NASV)

"You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 2:5 NASV)

"Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His glory is above earth and heaven. And He has lifted up a horn for His people, praise for all His godly ones; even for the sons of Israel, a people near to Him. Praise the Lord!" (Psalm 148:13-14 NASV)

Most Christians know a lot of about asking for things in prayer, but they don't know how to just praise God without asking for anything. How many of you would like it if your children came to you and said, "Dad (or, Mom), I really think you're a wonderful parent. You've done such a good job raising me and I love you so much. Can I borrow the car tonight? Can I have twenty dollars? Would you give me a new stereo?" You're glad to give to your children, but it kind of spoils the praise. In fact, it makes you feel like you're just being fattened up for the kill!

And, just as much as you want your kids to tell you how much they love you, with no strings attached, that's what God wants us to do. In fact, that's one of the major things that worship is; it's praising and giving thanks to God with no hidden agenda. It's where you're not asking for anything, but you're just giving yourself totally to God in praise.

HOW TO GIVE GOD PRAISE

There are four ways that you can give praise to God:

1.- You Can Praise God With Statements

"Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You. Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name. My soul shall be satisfied...and my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips." (Psalm 63:3-5 NKJV)

You can state your praise to God out of your own heart, in your own words. Maybe you'll want to speak your praises out loud to God or you might want to write them down. That's what the book of Psalms is. It's a record of statements of praise that people wrote down.

You say, "Well, I don't know what to say." Basically, praise is like love letters to God. Have you ever written a love letter? What do you say in a love letter? You say all the things that you feel about the person you love. You tell them what you think of them, how much they mean to you, all the plans that you have for your life together, and things like that.

That is exactly what you do when you praise God. Write Him a love letter. And you can either write it down or speak it out loud to Him. And the more you do it, the better you'll get at it.

2.- You Can Praise God With Singing

"Come before the Lord with gladness, come before His presence with singing." (Psalm 100:2)

"Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and praise is beautiful." (Psalm 147:1 NKJV)

God made us singers. Everyone sings, whether they have a good voice or not. Singing is the most natural expression of joy and praise there is. And it's just natural to for a person who is right with God to sing to the Lord. (Prov.29:6) says, *"The righteous sings and rejoices..."* And, as we've said, when you're filled with the Spirit, the result will be *"singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord."* (Eph.5:19)

You can use your favorite hymn book or a collection of praise and worship songs, whichever type of music you prefer. You can purchase a collection of praise choruses from any Christian bookstore, or you can see our worship pastor for a copy of the praise songs we love to sing here at Immanuel. If you're musically gifted, you may want to write some praise songs of your own. Some people play a tape of Christian music and sing along. It doesn't matter what style or format you use, so long as you sing to the Lord.

3.- You Can Praise God With Scripture

"King Hezekiah and his officials ordered the Levites to sing the songs of that David and Asaph the prophet had written. And so they bowed down and joyfully sang praises to the Lord." (2 Chronicles 29:30 CEV)

The Levites praised God using the words of Scripture. They sang praises from the book of Psalms. And you can use the Word of God to praise the Lord. The Bible is filled with hundreds of verses that are statements of praise to God. And what you do is to take those verses and personalize them and make them your praise to the Lord.

In your notebook there's a section called "Praise The Lord With His Own Words." This is taken from the 2959 Plan by Peter Lord. And you can speak these verses back to God as praises.

4.- You Can Praise God With Skill

*"Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him. Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. Sing to him a new song; play **skillfully**, and shout for joy". (Psalm 33:1-3 NIV)*

Creativity is a gift from the Lord. And if you're skilled at doing something creative like playing an instrument, writing music or poetry, or drawing or painting or sculpting, you can use your creative skills to bring praise and honor to God. Have you ever thought of the experience of drawing a picture or writing a poem as a time of communion with God? It can be.

PRAISE THE LORD WITH HIS OWN WORDS

Lord, Your thoughts are not my thoughts, and Your ways are not my ways. For as high as the heaven is above the earth, so are Your ways. For just like the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there without watering the earth, and making it bear and sprout, and furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so Your Word that goes forth from Your mouth, will not return to You empty without accomplishing what You desire and without succeeding in the matter for which You sent it. For I will go out in joy and be led forth in peace.

(Isaiah 55:8-12a)

Lord, there is no God besides You, who acts in behalf of those who wait for You. You meet the one who rejoices in doing righteousness, who remembers You in Your ways. (Isaiah 64:4-5)

Lord, Heaven is Your throne, and the earth is Your footstool. There is no house we could build for You and no place where You could rest - for Your hand made all of those things, and that is how they came into being. But, You have promised to look to the one who is humble, and contrite of spirit, who trembles at Your Word. (Isaiah 66:1-2)

Lord God, there is no other. You are God and there is none like You. You declare the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things which have not been done. Your purpose will be established, and You will accomplish all Your good pleasure. You have spoken it, truly You will bring it to pass. You have planned it, You will do it. (Isaiah 46:9-11)

Lord, there is no one besides You. You are the Lord and there is no other. The one forming light and creating darkness, causing well being and creating calamity; You are the Lord who does all these things. (Isaiah 45:6-7)

Lord my creator, the One who formed me, I will not fear, for You have redeemed me. You have called me by name, I am Yours. When I pass through the waters You will be with me; and through the rivers, they will not overflow me; when I walk through the fire I will not be scorched, nor will the flame burn me. You are the Lord my God, the Holy One of Israel, my Savior. (Isaiah 43:1-30)

O Lord, You are my God, I will exalt You. I will give thanks to Your name; for You have worked wonders, plans formed long ago, with perfect faithfulness. The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace, because he trusts in You. I trust in You, Lord, forever, for in You I have an everlasting rock. (Isaiah 25:1; 26:3-4)

I give thanks to You, O Lord; for although You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, and You do comfort me. Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust You and not be afraid. You are my strength and song, and have become my salvation. I joyously draw water from the springs of salvation. I give You thanks, and call upon Your name. I make known Your deeds among the peoples; Your name is exalted. You have done excellent things. (Isaiah 12:1-5)

Lord, You have promised. Fear not, for you will not be put to shame, neither feel humiliated, for You will not be disgraced...for my husband is my maker, whose name is the Lord of hosts, and my Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, who is called the God of all the earth. (Is.54:4-5)

Lord, I praise You for Your promise that no weapon formed against me shall prosper; and every tongue that accuses me in judgment will be condemned; that this is the heritage of all Your servants and their vindication will be from You. (Isaiah 54:17)

Lord, You said to me, "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but You shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go," and I say Amen, praise Your holy name. (Joshua 1:8-9)

God, You are Jehovah-Jireh (the Lord who Provides). God, in this Your love was manifested to me, that You sent Your only begotten Son into the world, that I may live through Him. Gracious are You, Lord, and righteous; yes, You are merciful. You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. O Lord, truly I am Your servant. I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon Your name.

(1 John 4:9; Psalm 116:5,8,16-17)

God, You are Jehovah-Nissi (the Lord our Banner). Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth. Yours is the dominion, O Lord, and You do exalt Yourself as head over all. Your hand is power and might; and it lies in Your hand to make great and to strengthen everyone. Now therefore, our God, we thank You, and praise Your glorious name. (1 Chron.29:11-13)

God, You are Jehovah-Rapha (the Lord who Heals). Surely You have borne my griefs and carried my sorrows. You were wounded for my transgressions, bruised for my iniquities; the chastisement for my peace was upon You and with Your stripes I am healed. In Your own self You bore my sins in Your body on the tree, that I being dead to sin should live to righteousness. There is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men whereby we must be saved. (Isaiah 53:4-5; 1 Peter 2:24; Acts 4:12)

God, You Are Jehovah-Rohi (the Lord my Shepherd). You guide me in the paths of righteousness for Your name's sake. I will fear no evil; You are with me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. You have sent the Helper, the Holy Spirit, in Your name, and He teaches me all things, and brings to my remembrance all You have said. He guides me into all truth.

(Psalm 23:3-5; John 14:26; 16:13)

God, You are Jehovah-Shalom (the Lord is my Peace). Your name is Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. If You are for me, who can be against me? You who spared not Your own Son, but delivered Him up for me, how shall You not with Him freely give me all things? You have justified; who shall lay anything to my charge? Who shall separate me from Your love, which is in Christ Jesus my Lord? Lord, You have given strength to Your people; Lord, You have blessed Your people with peace.

(Romans 8:31-35; Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 29:1)

God, You are Jehovaah-Tsidkenu (the Lord my Righteousness). Righteous are You, O Lord. Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Your law is truth. Your right hand is full of righteousness. Lord God, You are righteous in all the works You do. Your ways are right and the just shall walk in them. By Your doing Jesus Christ has become to me wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Christ my Lord is the end of the law for righteousness to all who believe.

(Psalm 119:137; 1 Corinthians 1:30; Psalm 48:10; Daniel 9:14; Hosea 14:9; Romans 10:4)

God, You are Jehovah-Shammah (the Lord who is Present). Heaven is Your throne, and the earth is Your footstool. There is no house that I can build for You, for Your hand has made all these things. You have said You will dwell in me and walk among me, and be my God and I shall be one of Your people. So because You

have said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you," I say, "The Lord is my Helper, I shall not be afraid of what man shall do to me." Where can I go from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in the grave, behold, You are there. (Isaiah 66:1-2; Hebrews 13:5-6; Psalm 139:7-8)

God, You are Jehovah-M'Kaddesh (the Lord who Sanctifies). Holy, Holy, Holy, are You, Lord of Hosts. The whole earth is full of Your glory. You are the high and lofty One that inhabits eternity. Your name is holy. You are light and in You is no darkness at all. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is, and is to come. Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name, for You alone are holy. (Isaiah 6:3; 57:15; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 4:8; 15:4)

I give thanks to You, Lord, for You are good. Your lovingkindness is everlasting.
I give thanks to You the God of gods. Your lovingkindness is everlasting.
I give thanks to You the Lord of lords. Your lovingkindness is everlasting.
I give thanks to You who has done great works. Your lovingkindness is everlasting.
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Who remembered me in my low estate. Your lovingkindness is everlasting.
I give thanks to You the God of heaven. Your lovingkindness is everlasting.
Who has released me from my enemies. Your lovingkindness is everlasting.
(Adapted from Psalm 136. Fill in blanks from your own personal experience with God)

Lord Jesus, You are the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation. In You all things were created, in the heavens and on the earth. All things have been created through You and for You. You are before all things, and in You all things hold together. You are the Head of the Body, the Church. You are the first-born from the dead - so that You Yourself might have first place in all things. It was the Father's good pleasure for all fulness to dwell in You and through You to reconcile all things to Himself, whether in heaven or on earth. You are the Head over all rule and authority, and in You I am made complete. (Colossians 1:15-20; 2:10)

Lord Jesus, You are the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. You died for my sins according to the Scriptures. In You I have redemption through Your blood, the forgiveness of sins. *Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing...To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.* (John 1:29; 1 Corinthians 15:3; Colossians 1:14; Revelation 5:12-13)

Lord Jesus, You came into the world not to condemn the world, but that it might be saved. There is no other name given under heaven among men whereby I might be saved. You alone are able to keep me from falling and to make me stand in the Father's presence blameless, with great joy; and so to You the only God, our Savior, be glory, majesty, dominion, power, before all time, now and forever. Amen. (John 3:17; Acts 4:12; Jude 24-25)

Lord Jesus, You have been exalted by God and given a Name which is above every name; that at Your name every knee should bow and every tongue shall confess that You are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. You are the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and the Lord of lords. The kingdom of this world will become Your throne, and You shall reign forever and ever. (Philippians 2:9-11; 2 Timothy 6:15; Revelation 11:15)

Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd. You know Your own, and Your own know You. You came that we might have life and have it more abundantly. You have laid down Your life for me. You are the door of the sheep. Through You I enter and am safe, and go in and out and find pasture. (John 10:14,10,11,7,9)

Lord Jesus, You are the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father but by You. You are the new and living way which You inaugurated for me through the veil, that is Your flesh. Through You I have access in one Spirit to the Father. You are the truth, and if You make me free, I shall be free indeed. (John

14:6; Hebrews 10:20; Ephesians 2:18; John 8:32,36)

Lord Jesus, You are the bread of life. You are the bread of God which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world. He who comes to You shall never hunger and he who believes in You shall never thirst. You are the One that I may eat of and not die. He who eats Your flesh and drinks Your blood has eternal life, and You will raise him up in the last day. (John 6:48,33,35,50,54)

Lord Jesus, You are the True Light which enlightens every man coming into the world. He who follows You shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. In heaven there will be no need of the sun or the moon, for the glory of God illumines it, and You are its lamp. (John 1:9; 8:12; Revelation 21:23)

Lord Jesus, You are the only Mediator between God and man. After You made purification of my sins, you sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. You are able to save forever those who draw near to God through You. You live to make intercession for me. (1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 1:3; 7:25)

Lord Jesus, You are the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in You shall live, even if he dies; and everyone who lives and believes in You shall never die. You are the One who lives and was dead; and behold, You are alive forevermore. Amen. You have the keys of hell and death. (John 11:25-26; Revelation 1:18)

Lord Jesus, You are the Word. You were in the beginning. You were with God and You are God. He who has seen You has seen the Father. I believe You are in the Father and the Father in You. (John 1:1; 14:9,11)

Lord Jesus, You have born my griefs, and carried my sorrows. You were pierced through for my transgressions, and bruised for my iniquities. The chastening of my well-being fell on You, and by Your scourging I am healed. I went astray like sheep, I went my own way, but the Lord has caused my iniquity to fall on You. (Isaiah 53:4-6)

Blessed Comforter, Holy Spirit, I recognize You, acknowledge You and praise You as the One sent from the Father in the name of Christ to teach me all things. (John 14:26)

Blessed Holy Spirit, I receive You as the Comforter sent from the Father to dwell with me forever. (John 14:16)

Indwelling Holy Spirit, who dwells in me and enables me to cry, "Abba, Father" - I praise You and will hear Your voice today. (1 Corinthians 3:16; Galatians 4:6; Hebrews 3:7)

Spirit of Truth, I praise You for guiding me into all truth - You have not spoken of Yourself. You have glorified Christ the Lord, and have revealed to me the deep things of God. (John 16:13-14; 2 Corinthians 2:10)

I praise You, Holy Spirit, for shedding abroad in my heart the love of God which surpasses all knowledge. (Romans 5:5; Ephesians 3:19)

I praise You and recognize You as the source of love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, godliness, faithfulness, meekness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23)

I acknowledge You, Holy Spirit, as the One who gives me access through Jesus Christ to the Father. I praise You that You teach me to pray and that I am blessed as You pray for me and in me. (Ephesians 2:18; Romans 8:26; Jude 20)

All praise to You who renews me and sanctifies me and fills me with joy. (Titus 3:5; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Thessalonians 1:6)

Blessed Holy Spirit, You have baptized me into one Body in Christ, even as John the Baptist said that Christ would be the One who would baptize me in the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12:13; Matthew 3:11)

You are the One, Blessed Spirit, who gives a variety of gifts, distributing to each one individually as You will, giving to each one the manifestation for the common good.
(2 Corinthians 12:4,11,7)

Blessed Holy Spirit, on You I am built together with other Christians as the temple of God. You build us on the foundation of the apostles and prophets; Christ Jesus Himself being the chief cornerstone, and in Him is the whole building being fitted together, and is growing to a holy temple in the Lord. (Ephesians 2:22,20,21)

Blessed Holy Spirit, I acknowledge You as the one who fills me with the fulness of God, and that Your presence is manifested in all goodness and righteousness and truth. (Eph.5:18,9)

Blessed Spirit, I praise You that I can recognize Your presence by the confession that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. I will not believe every spirit, but test them to see if they are from God. (1 John 4:2,1)

Blessed Holy Spirit, You are the One who convicts the world of sin and righteousness and judgment. Of sin, because they do not believe in Christ; of righteousness, because He has gone to the Father and we see Him no more; and of judgment, because the prince of this world (the devil) is judged. You will indeed guide me into all the truth. (John 16:8-11, 13)

I praise You, Holy Spirit, for the Word of God that came in due time, not by the will of man, but by holy men of God as they were inspired under Your moving. (2 Peter 1:21)

By You, Holy Spirit, I was sealed after I believed in Christ as Lord. You are the earnest of my inheritance - until the redemption of this purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory.
(Ephesians 1:13-14)

Your words, O Lord, are pure words, as silver tried in the furnace, and refined seven times. You will keep them, Lord. (Psalm 19:6-7)

I will worship toward Your Holy Temple and praise Your name for Your lovingkindness and for Your truth: for You have magnified Your word above all Your name. (Psalm 138:2)

Lord, whoever hears Your word and does it, is like a wise man who builds his house upon the rock. When the rains and floods come, and the winds blow and beat upon them, they will not fall, for they have been built upon the rock. (Matthew 7:24-25)

Lord, all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and the flower fades: but Your Word endures forever. (1 Peter 1:24-25)

Oh, that my ways may be established to keep Your statutes! I shall give thanks to You with uprightness of heart, when I learn Your righteous judgment. Blessed are You, O Lord; teach me your statutes. I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, as much as in all riches. I shall delight in Your statutes; I shall not forget Your word. (Psalm 119)

Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven. Your faithfulness continues throughout all generations; You established the earth, and it stands. It stands this day to Your commands, for all things are Your servants. (Psalm 119)

