

# Falling deeper in love with Jesus.

*<sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, because He hears My voice and my supplications. <sup>2</sup> Because He has inclined His ear to me, Therefore I shall call upon Him as long as I live. — Psalm 116:1,2*

God loves you. Yes you. As Randy would say, God is crazy about you. He loves you beyond anything you could ever imagine. And He desires to make Himself known to you.

Prayer is not about getting “stuff”. Prayer is about falling in love with God. To help us understand prayer, I believe we first need to be assured of God’s love for us.

## Did you know God loves you so much?

God loves you beyond anything you could ever imagine. And He desires to make Himself known to you.

There is nothing you can do to make Him love you any more than He already does. There is nothing you can do to make Him love you any less. While you were a sinner, He loved you first. He pursued you.

God wants to spend time with you. The creator of the universe cares about you and desires for you to know Him in an intimate way. This is impossible for us to comprehend.

Know these things about God and how much His cares for you:

### **God has chosen you. Even before the creation of the world.**

Ephesians 1:4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

### **God knew you even when you were in the womb.**

Jeremiah 1:5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

Psalm 139:13-16 <sup>13</sup> For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. <sup>14</sup> I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. <sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, <sup>16</sup> your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days

ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

**You are an adopted child of God.**

Ephesians 1:5 He predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will—

**God has so many precious thoughts toward you, they are like grains of sand, you cannot count them.**

Psalm 139:17,18 <sup>17</sup> How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! <sup>18</sup> Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with you.

**God knows you better than you know yourself. He values your life.**

Matthew 10:29-31 <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

**God has great plans for you. A hope and a future for you.**

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Ephesians 1:11, 12 <sup>11</sup> In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, <sup>12</sup> in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

**God loved us first. Even when we were sinners.**

Romans 5:7,8 <sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

1 John 4:19 We love because he first loved us.

**Nothing can separate you from His love.**

Romans 8:35-39 <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**God gives us a rich inheritance and great power.**

Ephesians 1:18-20 <sup>18</sup> I pray also 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 the saints, <sup>19</sup> and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, <sup>20</sup> which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,

**God sends His angels to serve us.**

Hebrews 1:14 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

**God loves us so much He makes our bodies a Holy Temple and places His Holy Spirit to live inside of us.**

1 Corinthians 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

**We can call on Him and He will answer us.**

Jeremiah 33:3 'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'

**God has made us kings and priests.**

Revelation 1:5, 6 <sup>5</sup> And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, <sup>6</sup> And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 5:10 And hast made us unto our God **kings** and **priests**: and we shall reign on the earth.

**God knows your needs, even before you ask Him.**

Matthew 6:7,8 <sup>7</sup> "And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition, as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. <sup>8</sup> "Therefore do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need, before you ask Him.

**Jesus has prepared a mansion for you in heaven**

John 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

**Pray Ephesians 1 using your name.**

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

2 Grace be to \_\_\_\_\_, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed \_\_\_\_\_ with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

4 According as he hath chosen \_\_\_\_\_ in him before the foundation of the world, that \_\_\_\_\_ should be holy and without blame before him in love:

5 Having predestinated \_\_\_\_\_ unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made \_\_\_\_\_ accepted in the beloved.

7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

8 Wherein he hath abounded toward \_\_\_\_\_ in all wisdom and prudence;

9 Having made known unto \_\_\_\_\_ the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

10 That in the dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

11 In whom also \_\_\_\_\_ has obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

12 That \_\_\_\_\_ should be to the praise of his glory, \_\_\_\_\_ first trusted in Christ.

13 In whom \_\_\_\_\_ also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

15 Wherefore I also, after I heard of \_\_\_\_\_ faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,

16 Cease not to give thanks for \_\_\_\_\_, making mention of \_\_\_\_\_ in my prayers;

17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto \_\_\_\_\_ the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

18 The eyes of \_\_\_\_\_ understanding being enlightened; that \_\_\_\_\_ may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to \_\_\_\_\_ who believes, according to the working of his mighty power,

20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

23 Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all.