

J ehovah's Son
E ndured the Cross
S avior of the world
U tterly faithful
S ent for you

JESUS CHRIST IS THE WAY TO HEAR GOD

Sin caused an eternal separation between mankind and the heavenly Father. He loved the people of the world so very much that He sent His son Jesus Christ to earth, to live among them and then die on the cross for their sins. Those who believe that Jesus was God's Son, and died for their sins will have the gift of eternal life. (John 3:13-17) That means that if we tell the Father our sins and ask Him to forgive us, He will accept us because Jesus paid the price.

Not only did Jesus die, but He overcame death, raised from the grave, visited many who were mourning His death, then visually returned to heaven in the clouds. He told us that even though He had to leave this earth, He would not leave us without comfort. He would send us the gift of His ever abiding Presence through the Holy Spirit - His very essence. That's quite a gift! "...I will ask the Father and he will give you another Comforter, and he will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, the Spirit who leads into all truth. The world at large cannot receive him, for it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you do, for he lives with you now and some day shall be IN you. No, I will not

abandon you or leave you as orphans in the storm - I will come to you." (John 14:16-18 TLB)

In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit visited and came upon individuals, but since the day of Pentecost, (the fulfillment of an Old Testament feast) we can have His Spirit dwelling within us. Now, we can have a much greater intimacy available to us in hearing God than they ever experienced. "For I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen it, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard it." (Luke 10:24 NKJV)

The question arises does God speak to people who do not believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior? The answer is yes, God speaks to everyone at any time in any place in every means. God speaks always. Whether we hear or understand Him is another matter. It is very difficult to hear what He is saying when we do not have the Presence of His Holy Spirit within us to help make the connection. Remember, quickening is a requirement of hearing Him speak, and quickening can not happen apart from the Holy Spirit. When you pray for those who do not know Jesus, pray that the Holy Spirit will visit them and draw them to the Lord. Jesus said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him." (John 6:44 NKJV)

Jesus spoke a key concept when He spoke about abiding in Him. Notice how many times the following scripture mentions the word abide: "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast

out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. (John 15:4-11 NKJV)

The Greek word for abide is translated: abide, remain, dwell, continue, tarry, endure. It means to continue to be present, to be held or kept, to last and not to perish, to endure, to survive and live in a condition of waiting. If you were to substitute each word in this translation for the word abide in the above verse, it gives you an added understanding of what it means to abide in Jesus. To me, it means to hang on tight to Jesus and His Words, to not give up (and thus to survive), and to wait for Him no matter what! Those words are hang on, tenacious words depicting a deep abiding trust and reliance upon Him. He said if we abide in Him, His joy will "remain" in us. Guess what the word "remain" means? It is the same Greek word as "abide." Therefore, if we hang on to Jesus' Words, His joy will hang onto us!

JESUS CHRIST IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE

If you really want to know God, how He speaks and hear Him for yourself, you will find Him through accepting Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. Jesus Christ was God's Son, and He sent Jesus to earth to shed His blood and die for you so that you would not be destroyed in your sins, but instead be forgiven and have eternal life.

John 3:16-20 NLT

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it. "There is no judgment awaiting those who trust him. But those who do not trust him have already been judged for not believing in the only Son of God. Their judgment is based on this fact: The light from heaven came into the world, but they loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil.

John 14:6 NKIV

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

If you will tell your sins to God, He will forgive your sins and wipe them clean with the blood that Jesus shed for you. He will not only wipe the slate of your life clean, He will throw the memory of those sins into the sea of forgetfulness. (1 John 1:9; Micah 7:19, Heb 8:12)

Would you like to know God and hear Him speak to you? Call upon the Lord Jesus Christ, accept Him as God's Son and your personal Savior. Confess your sins and ask Him for His Holy Spirit to fill you and you will begin your journey in hearing God speak through the quickening power of the Holy Spirit.

John 6:63 NKJV

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.