

Jesus: infinitely more than any man could ever be! ☺

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men...He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But **as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:** who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. **And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.** (John 1:1-4, 11-14)

Satisfying & Fulfilling

I will satiate the soul of the priests with abundance, and My people shall be satisfied with My goodness, says the LORD. (Jeremiah 31:14)

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. (Matthew 5:6)

The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. (Psalm 19:9b,10)

Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and let your soul delight itself in abundance. (Is 55:1-2)

Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." (John 4:13-14)

Sufficient

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness... (2 Corinthians 9:8-10)

Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all. (1 Corinthians 15:28)

And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. (Ephesians 1:22-23)

Strong & Protecting

I will love You, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies. (Psalm 18:1-3)

You have a mighty arm; strong is Your hand, and high is Your right hand. (Psalm 89:13)

The beloved of the LORD shall dwell in safety by Him, who shelters him all the day long; and he shall dwell between His shoulders. (Deuteronomy 33:12)

I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety. (Psalm 4:8)

Savior

He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. and we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely **He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows**; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But **He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed**. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and **the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all**. He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgressions of My people He was stricken. And they made His grave with the wicked; but with the rich at His death, because **He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth**. Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. (Isaiah 53:3-10a)

For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:11)

Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world." (John 4:42)

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself. (Philippians 3:20-21)

No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. (1John 4:12-15)

Provider

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. (Philippians 4:19-20)

And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of The LORD it shall be provided." (Genesis 22:14)

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it." (Malachi 3:10)

But He (Jesus) said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God." (Luke 18: 27)

Listener

In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, and my cry came before Him, even to His ears. (Psalm 18:6)

Blessed be the LORD, because He has heard the voice of my supplications! (Psalm 28:6)

Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, and He shall hear my voice. (Psalm 55:17)

But certainly God has heard me; He has attended to the voice of my prayer. (Psalm 66:19)

I love the LORD, because He has heard my voice and my supplications. (Psalm 116:1)

Loyal & Faithful

And the LORD, He is the one who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed. (Deuteronomy 31:8)

God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Cor. 1:9)

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it. (1 Corinthians 10:13)

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it. (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)

But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one. (2 Thessalonians 3:3)

If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself. (2 Timothy 2:13)

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

Love, Longing to be with us

So the King will greatly desire your beauty; because He is your Lord, worship Him. (Psalm 45:11)

And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him... We love Him because He first loved us. (1 John 4:15, 19)

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)

I sat down in his shade with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste... He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love. (Song of Solomon 2:3b-4)

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away! O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the cliff, let me see your face, let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely. (Song of Solomon 2:13b-14)

Delight & Joy

Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength. (Nehemiah 8:10b)

You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. (Psalm 16:11)

Let Your hand become my help, for I have chosen Your precepts. I long for Your salvation, O LORD, and Your law is my delight. Let my soul live, and it shall praise You; and let Your judgments help me. (Ps. 119:173-175)

Sing praise to the LORD, you saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name. For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning. (Psalm 30:4-5)

If you return to the Almighty, you will be built up; you will remove iniquity far from your tents. Then you will lay your gold in the dust, and the gold of Ophir among the stones of the brooks. Yes, the Almighty will be your gold and your precious silver; for then you will have your delight in the Almighty, and lift up your face to God. (Job 22:23-26)

Comforting

Remember the word to Your servant, upon which You have caused me to hope. This is my comfort in my affliction, for Your word has given me life. (Psalm 119:49-50)

You shall increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side. (Psalm 71:21)

(Jesus says) The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, to console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified. (Psalm 61:1-3)

You Always Have a Best Friend

Who would you call your best friend? How long have you known that person? Maybe it's been several years, or almost your entire life. Or, maybe you don't have a best friend right now, but you recall someone at some point of your life who was very special to you. Either way, friends are very meaningful because we have relationships with them. We get to know them for who they are and they get to know us. We share our dreams, hopes, and feelings with each other, and do our best not to hurt one another.

You may have many friends, but there is only one in particular who has known you longer than you've known yourself! In fact, this particular Friend knows you so well that He knew you before you were formed inside your mother's womb...

The Bible quotes God in Jeremiah 1:5a saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you." God, who considers Himself your best Friend, had a relationship with you *before* He formed you in your human state! This is beyond our understanding! How can someone know us if we aren't formed yet?

Before God formed you as a human being, you already existed in your spiritual state—God said He knew you. In addition, after you die as a human on earth, your spirit will continue to exist. While our bodies are not in a condition to exist forever in their current condition, our spirits are. If God thought it important to have a relationship with you before you were formed, how much more must He want that relationship with you now?

Being best friends means being there when it hurts. Best friends don't leave you alone or abandon you when you are having a bad day. They forgive you when you're mean, and they love you when you're unhappy. A best friend sticks with you through the good times and the bad. That person loves you despite your ugliness. True best friends don't judge us by how we look, and the value of our relationship with them goes beyond just spending time together. It means unconditional love—a love and acceptance that is not based on conditions, circumstances, or situations.

Of course, as I write this, I find myself guilty of falling short of these qualifications. Like most people, I've taken my best friends for granted, just like they have me. This is human, yet it can really hurt. Fortunately, although painful at times, learning to grow through friendships is a beautiful part of life, a way we mature. "As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend." (Proverbs 27:17)

Unlike people, God has the ability to uphold every perfect qualification for being your best Friend. Isaiah 9:6 says His name is "Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God." Jesus is our best Counselor! He won't make fun of you when you tell Him how you feel, and He won't gossip about you. He doesn't give you dirty looks or call you names in a fit of anger. He doesn't curse at you or do anything to hurt your feelings. He isn't insecure or threatened by you, and He won't compete with you to see who is better, prettier or smarter. He will always listen to you even when you don't make sense. He doesn't get tired of your stories, and He always wants you to tell Him how you are. He's the *perfect* best Friend. He even tells you His secrets!

"But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets...He reveals deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, and light dwells with Him." (Daniel 2:28a, 22)

On top of all that, the Lord has promised, as the faithful Friend He is, to always be by your side. “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9)

One of the best tests of friendship is whether the relationship can endure hardship and dark seasons of life. I find it comforting to know that the Lord is committed to me through the good times and the bad. He is with me always, and He is able to conquer the things in my life that are too much for me to handle on my own.

What a Friend we have in Jesus. He considers Himself your best friend—are you His? Have you treated Him like it? Have you told Him your secrets? Have you trusted Him with your life and the choices you make? Have you told Him how you feel? Part of being best friends is honesty—God wants you to be honest with Him, even if it’s about something you are not proud of.

“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends. You are My friend if you do whatever I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.” (John 15:13-15)

Jesus is Lord over all the universe. His shoulders are big enough for all our problems. “And the government will be upon His shoulder.” (Is 9:7) I find it intriguing that Jesus only needs *one* shoulder to carry the entire government...

Talk to your best Friend now—He’s listening.

Just for Fun

Do you take time to read your Bible and pray every day? This is the best way to build a relationship with Jesus. He wants to be your best Friend, and He promises to be the best Friend you could ever have...but if you don’t spend time with Him, you won’t get to know Him and experience how fun and exciting He is.

I like to think of my time with God like a walk on the beach with a friend. If I take time to call my friend and go to the beach with her, then why not ‘call’ God (pray) and take time to listen to His words for me (read the Bible)? It’s simple—we just need to take the step and commit to building our relationship with God. A simple way to do this is to read small portions of the Bible at a time. See the end of this book for some suggestions on how to read and pray daily.

Have fun with it! There are great treasures to find in a relationship with the God of the universe!