

*And if the bugler doesn't sound a clear call, how will the soldiers know they are being called to battle? 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:89 NLV*

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First Love Ministries  
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Prayer Study # 227

## WHO IS JESUS TO YOU?

*And the Word was made 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 1:14

### Kinds of Relationship with Jesus

**1. Those who refuse to believe and refuse to accept the free gift of salvation:**

*The fool has said in his heart, There is no God...Psalm 14:1 & Psalm 53:1*

*The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who heeds counsel is wise. Proverbs 12:15*

**2. Those who have head knowledge but never enter into a heart relationship with Jesus:**

*Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name? And then will I declare to them, I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.*

Matthew 7:22-23

**3. Those who have a friendship with Jesus:**

**a. Friends allow friends to get very close. Proverbs 18:24b-...But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.**

**b. A friend believes in his friend. James 2:23-And the scripture was fulfilled which says, Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness and he was called the friend of God.**

**c. A friend reverences his friend. Luke 12:4-5-And I say to you, My friends, Do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, Fear Him!**

d. **Friends love at all times. Proverbs 17:17a-***A friend loves at all times...*

**4. Those who receive Christ as an older brother:**

- a. **Christ's brothers are those who are obedient and do what the Father tells them. Luke 8:21-***But He answered and said to them, "My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it."*
- b. **Brothers and sisters look like the first born Son. Romans 8:29-***For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.*
- c. **Brothers worship the Father by denying self and being living sacrifices. Romans 12:1-2-***I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

**5. Those who are children of God.**

- a. **Children receive freely because they are trusting and innocent, and they don't grumble and complain and accept people whom adults often have a hard time accepting. Philippians 2:14-15-***Do all things without grumbling and faultfinding and complaining [against God] and questioning and doubting [among yourselves]. That you may show yourselves to be blameless and guileless, innocent and uncontaminated, children of God, without blemish (faultless, unrebukable) in the midst of a crooked and wicked generation [spiritually perverted and perverse]. Among whom you are seen as bright lights (stars or beacons shining out clearly), in the [dark] world. Philippians 2:14-15 AMP*
- b. **Children are pure and walk in the Divine Nature. 1<sup>st</sup> John 3:11-***By this it is made clear who take their nature from God and are His children and who take their nature from the devil and are his children; no one who does not practice righteousness [who does not conform to God's will in purpose, thought, and action] is of God, neither is anyone who does not*

*love his brother (his fellow believer in Christ). 1<sup>st</sup> John 3:11  
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- c. Children can easily communicate with the Father because they know they belong to Him. 1<sup>st</sup> John 2:28-***And now little children, abide (live, remain permanently) in Him, so that when He is made visible, we may have and enjoy perfect confidence (boldness, assurance) and not be ashamed and shrink from Him at His coming. 1<sup>st</sup> John 2:28 AMP*
- d. Children love quickly and easily. Ephesians 5:1-***Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*
- e. Children have and keep Jesus as 1<sup>st</sup> Place. 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:21-***Little children, keep yourselves from idols (false gods)-[from anything and everything that would occupy the place in your heart due to God, from any sort of substitute for Him that would take first place in your life.] Amen (so let it be).*
- f. Children progressively grow in the knowledge of the Father. 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:4-6-***Little children, you are of God [you belong to Him] and have [already] defeated and overcome them [the agents of the anti-Christ], because He Who lives in you is greater (mightier) than he who is in the world. They proceed from the world and are of the world; therefore it is out of the world [its whole economy morally considered] that they speak and the world listens (pays attention) to them. We are [children] of God. Whoever is learning to know God [progressively to perceive, recognize, and understand God by observation and experience, and to get an ever-clearer knowledge of Him] listens to us; and he who is not of god does not listen or pay attention to us. By this we know (recognize) the Spirit of Truth and the spirit of error.*

**6. Those who are sons of God.** *(There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female, for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:28) In the Jewish culture sonship implied maturity. Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all, but is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. But when the fullness of time was come, God*

*when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. 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 transgression. 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.*

**Hebrews 12:13 from The Message:** Do you see what this means-all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on? It means we'd better get on with it. Strip down, start running-and never quit! No extra spiritual fat, no parasitic sins. Keep your eyes on *Jesus*, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how He did it. Because He never lost sight of where He was headed-that exhilarating finish in and with God-He could put up with anything along the way: cross, shame, whatever. And now He's *there* in the place of honor, right alongside God. When you find yourselves flagging in your faith, go over that story again, item by item that long litany of hostility He plowed through. That will shoot adrenaline into your souls.

### **Thank You Lord for Your Blessings on Me**

**While the world looks upon me as I struggle along  
And they say I have nothing but they are so wrong  
In my heart I'm rejoicing how I wish they could see  
Thank you Lord for Your blessings on me.**

**There's a roof up above me, I've got a good place to sleep  
And there's food on my table and shoes on my feet  
You gave me Your love Lord and a fine family  
Thank-you Lord for your blessings on me**

**I know I'm not wealthy and these clothes they're not new  
And I don't have much money but Lord I have you  
And that's all that matters though the world may not see  
Thank-you Lord for Your blessings on me.**