

# The Most Important Verses in the Bible

## Part 5

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### The First Response of Faith: Ask

If these ten verses are true, then they must rule over all. These are the ten most important verses in the Bible.

When I look at other “lists” of the most important verses in the Bible, I am filled with great sorrow. Not one list includes “Abide in Me and I in You.” Most of these ten are not in them. How can the outer, peripheral things of God stand over being filled with all the fullness of God in Person, in us, right here, right now? If the second and third most important verses in the Bible be true, than all others must arrange themselves in obeisance.

But what would a Christianity be like that teaches these ten most important verses in the Bible in every sermon preached, in every lesson taught, in every possible aspect and way? Are we not free to proclaim and believe and bring forth all that God speaks?

What would the Christian life be like if every child coming home from Sunday School could say in simple child-like words the full meaning of these ten verses: “Mommy, God intends to make me just like Jesus!” “Daddy, did you know that all of God is right here inside of me?” “Grandma, did you know that God is like a little child, tender and kind?”

Why would we settle for little, when these beyond-all-belief verses are in our hearts and in our mouths?

But I do not present ideas about God. Everything we know “about” God cannot be God.

God can only be known by these words; **AND WE ALSO.**

Whatever God is – **and we also**, God in Person in us. Whatever God does – **and we also**, God flowing out from us as rivers. **A Man laying down His life for His friends – and we also**, the revelation of Jesus-Sent.

**LOOK AT ME, God, I belong to You!!!**

Let every Word You speak, the Lord Jesus Christ,  
Be fulfilled in all ways in all of my life in all of its meaning,  
Right here on this earth, right now in this age – **IN ME!**

Mary’s words must be our continual refrain, spoken in every possible way in response to every word God speaks.

Father, You say that you are conforming me right now into the image of Jesus, the first One of our kind. Father I ask that you conform me fully into His image in all ways right now. I believe, Father, that I have received what I ask. I am in all ways in all fullness the very image of Jesus Christ, the express image of God.

I am God revealed, just as You intended from the beginning.

Father, You say that You fill me full with all of Your fullness. I ask that You be all that You are entirely inside of me. I believe that I have what I ask. Therefore, I go from this moment on knowing You only as the God who fills me full in Person with ALL that You are. You are so big in my sight, Oh Father, that when I look in the mirror in the middle of the night, all I can ever see is You.

Father, You say that since I believe in Jesus, rivers of living water, You, God, by Your Spirit, flow out from me in all directions, healing and giving life, setting creation free. Yet I know that You do nothing apart from me, from the exercise of the faith of Jesus that is my only life. God, I ask that You abound in love out from me in all

ways right now and forever. I believe with all commitment that it is true. I don't have to see it, I don't have to feel it; I know that the river of life flows out of me, reconciling the world to Yourself – because You say.

Father, You say that I defeat the accuser, that I cast down every shadow of the voice that speaks against Christ, the Word You speak, revealed in human flesh. Father, I ask for the full experience of that victory. It is mine, given to me by Jesus, all victory over death. I will not die; I will defeat death and prove the will of God upon this earth. Father, I ask that I never speak contrary to Your words ever again. I speak all that You speak. I am Your victory; I am the proving of Christ.

Father, You say that I am already dead to sin. You say that Christ is my life. I know that what You speak is true. I will never blaspheme You by calling myself or any part of myself or anything in my way anything except Christ my only life. My flesh is Your flesh, Oh Father; I will never again lay claim to it as mine. Father, I ask You to give me full and complete knowledge of my utter union with Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. I know that I have already received all that I ask.

Father, You say that I sit upon Your throne, the Mercy Seat of Heaven, my heart, with all boldness. I ask for the full knowledge and release of Your authority through me, the authority of Love, the power by which You bring all things into subjection to You, the One who is meek and lowly of heart. In asking, I believe that I have all that I ask, for I ask according to Your will; Your word is Your will. I exercise that all-authority by drawing all things into love upon the Mercy Seat, upon my own heart.

Father, You say that You always lead me in triumph and in no other way. Therefore I speak with all boldness and joy that Christ is all there is in me. I exult boastfully in all the victory of Jesus, though I see it not, yet I will see with my eyes, as You defeat death itself in my body. I speak Christ; I prophecy Christ into all of my being, into all of my ways, into all of my present and future and past. Father, I am so full of Christ that I hardly know what they mean when they refer to anything else.

Father, You say that I lay down my life for my friends just as Jesus laid His life down for me. Father, You say that I love others with a pure heart fervently. Father, I ask that Your love abound in my heart in all ways. Father I ask that at all times and in every way, I set others free of myself and that I bear in my own being all the cost of their freedom from me. Father, I believe that I have received all that I ask. Father, I am, in all of my ways and doings, the very intercession of Jesus.

Father, You say that Your Son, Jesus, sets all creation free through me. Father I ask that you remove the cover of blindness and that You reveal me as Your son right now. I ask that the glorious liberty that fills me full – You, My Father – would flow out of me and set all creation free. The earth is my inheritance; heaven is my inheritance; all creation is my inheritance. I ask for all my inheritance, that I might release all creation from all the bonds of obligation and set everyone free to be who and what You made them to be. And in asking, Father, I believe that I have all that I ask for.

I set creation free.

Father, You say that “eternal life” is to know You and to know Jesus-Sent. I have a mind to know You, God. I know God; I know Jesus-Sent. Father, I ask that I would know this full experience of walking together with You, Your Person inside of my person, Your consciousness inside of my consciousness, and all of me inside of You, this most precious and sweetest communion – and increasing forever. I know that I receive now all that I ask.

Father, there is one thing only I really want. I want to be inside of Jesus, every part of me, and I want Jesus to be all there is in me. I don't want to live anywhere else. When I look at me, all I see is Him, and when I look at Him, there I am, all of me, entirely inside of Him. I see only out from His eyes.

I put on the Lord Jesus Christ. I abide in Him by faith; He abides in me; He conforms Himself to me, becoming all that I am. I know that He does so by faith.

**Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.**  
Ephesians 3:20-21

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**That the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory.**  
1 Peter 1:7-8

Nothing of God can be true until we know that it is true, now, when we see Him not. Yet as He is revealed for all to see, we also are revealed with Him in glory, that we are just like Him.

None of it will be a surprise to us, overwhelming glory, yes, but no surprise. For we have seen Him as He is all along. We believe what He says.

And He reveals Himself through us. God, our insides and our outsides; we, in all ways just like Jesus. As He says.

## **The Foundations of Faith**

**Be transformed by the renewing of your mind...** Romans 12:2

God created man weak, yet with the capacity to contain and release God Himself. Man is designed to be filled with another Person. Thus God designed all the hard-wiring of the human form, the programming of the human psyche to enable a continual inter-relationship of Person inside of person.

God comes in Person to be Himself our insides and our outsides.

God does not create simplistic things. The human body is extraordinarily complicated, the human spirit more-so. The human psyche, created at the juncture of the human body and the human spirit is equally complicated.

Thus we can conclude that God, in His make-up, is rather complex.

We are designed perfectly, in all the fantastic complications of our beings, to fit in every way this complicated Being who “fills us with all of His fullness.” And we are designed perfectly, in all the complexity of spirit, soul, and body, to release this Great and Mighty Being into His creation as rivers. We fit God in every possible way, in both earth and heaven.

Adam was not finished. He was created for God, but God Himself had not formerly moved into this man who would contain Him. God will not violate anyone’s heart or person. God is love. To possess God, we ourselves must eat of Him.

Thus, God placed two forms of Himself before Adam.

In the first form of God, knowledge about God would come into Adam’s mind and heart, leaving him responsible to fit that knowledge where it should go into all the wiring and programming of which he was made.

The second form of God, however, was God Himself in Person, coming in as Adam’s very and only life.

Willingness of heart was God's requirement before He would fill Adam with Himself, thus the tree of life was a thorn tree; it's life could be won only through pain. God suffers long, to know Him is to bear His same heart.

Consider Adam's state, then. Let's say that he has in him, spirit, soul, and body, millions of receptors, each one designed to connect with a specific aspect of God's Being. Every single one of these receptors is waiting for Adam to eat of life. But Adam now has his own knowledge about God; he has the law. Thus Adam himself can take each outward definition of God that he possesses and attempt to fit that piece of knowledge with the correct receptor inside his person, his identity.

Except he didn't much try. Now he had a better idea – fig leaves and tree trunks, and especially blaming his wife, much better things to attach to his unfinished parts than religious knowledge about God!

What I am driving at is this truth. Angels are not concerned about identity; animals are not concerned about identity. They all are what they are and that's it. Man is utterly unique. If God Himself in Person is not attached in every perfect way to every single one of our receptors, and if God Himself in Person is not flowing out of all the channels by which we were made to release God, than we are a mess.

Human identity, then, is the human effort to plant meaning onto all the receptors disconnected from God, to replace God as our insides and our outsides with outward things, including knowledge about God.

Man, alone in creation, must have an identity formed from outside of his own person. Man, complete, is God's Person in fullness filling man's person in perfect and complete union. Man is a vessel created to contain Another Person.

Our entire identity, then, comes out of our lifetime of effort to fit meaning onto every receptor inside our person. It is, to put it bluntly, absurd. But we draw meaning from everywhere; we especially draw meaning from our association and attachments to other people, especially to large groupings of people. Humanity on this earth has concocted every form of identity to fit all the receptors inside meant for God, but empty of God.

Christian identity is an incredible mess. Being a "Christian" is to cram four unrelated realms of identity onto receptors made only for God in an unending variation of confusion. One of those identities is Christ Jesus living in our hearts, yes. And for some, He grows in meaning and attraction.

But so many are also busy hooking up three other complex things onto those same receptors. One is the law, the tree of knowledge about right and wrong writ large. Another is the world, which in the west has been "Christianized" and therefore sure "looks like Christ." And the fourth source of identity is all the imagination about God convoluted up by the Christian mind, but that God Himself never says.

Jesus in our hearts brings wonderful peace, yes. But all the other forms of identity provide for most Christians agonizing and unending psychosis.

God wins our hearts first before He changes our minds.

I have painted this picture to show us the great task in our hand, that is, altering, in the joy of Christ, our identity from confusion to Christ.

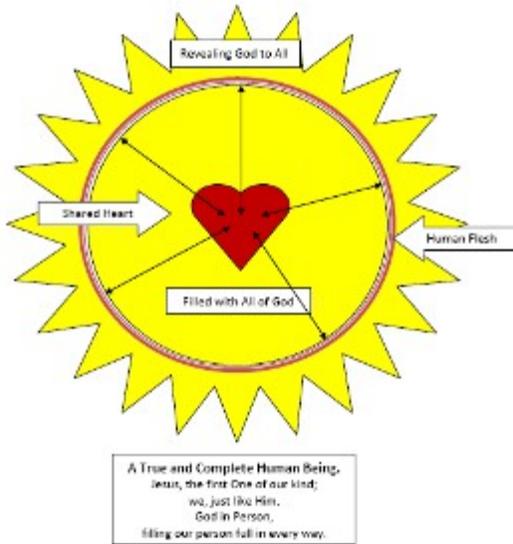
We know our true identity by the three phrases that are far larger than the rest of the Bible, swallowing up all, the sum total of who we are.

- **You are filled with All the Fullness of God** –
- **Abide in Me and I in you** –
- **Rivers of Living Water flow out of your belly.** –

Let me give a rough definition of our true human identity. (I use percentages for no other reason than to give us some form of picture, the concept of percentage does not otherwise fit.)

Eighty percent of the human is God the Father in Person filling us full with all of Himself in all of His divinity. Ten percent of the human is Christ Jesus living as us in weakness. And ten percent of the human is God by His Spirit flowing out from us, bringing life and joy to all. Just like Jesus, we are the form and shape of God in creation.

Here is a diagram of our true identity.



Our true identity is to have every single one of our many receptors, spirit, soul, and body, connected perfectly with that particular place in God's complex Being and Person to which they were designed to connect and God Himself, then, flowing through those connections all through us in joy and power, and flowing on out through our many channels into His creation as rivers of Spirit.

This is the normal Christian life; it is the normal human life. It is the image and likeness of God. Perfecting our true identity and "the renewing of our minds" are the same thing.

Our task is to be clothed with the Lord Jesus Christ. Putting on the Lord Jesus Christ causes the false identities of Christian thinking to vanish. Christ always comes first by faith. The receptor must be plugged into its place in God BEFORE anything not-God can drop away.

God wins our hearts first; then He changes our minds. As we win all true meaning, the false meaning just disappears: **rooted and**

**grounded in love.**

Jesus said, "To those who overcome, I give to eat the fruit of the tree of life." "Overcoming" and "God winning our heart utterly for Himself" are the same thing. To overcome means to come over.

The only thing that can change our minds is to eat of the fruit of life, as Jesus said, "Except you eat My flesh and drink My blood." Only hearts won fully by God are willing to – desirous of – eating that fruit.

The path of Jesus through the Atonement is God Himself showing all creation who and what He is for the first time. And seeing God as He really is, we discover ourselves caught up into Him, that He takes us into Himself and carries us through a path we could never find, all the way to life. And there God Himself gives us to eat of the fruit of life, fruit we could never have come near by ourselves.

A God who would take me into Himself as the Lord Jesus Christ, stumbling, bloody and bruised, carrying me through death into life, along a way I could never traverse by myself, this God holds my heart as His own.

Then He asks me to allow Himself in Person to be all that I am, to have no other identity than Father God filling me full, than Christ Jesus, my most Precious Friend, living as me in weakness, and the Holy Ghost just always billowing out of me as rivers, to be nothing else, to know nothing else. This I would do, with all my heart.

Finally, inside God showing Himself as He is, we also see a picture that is central to our transformation, to our change of identity. We are very psychological beings. God knows we need a clear, unmistakable picture set before our eyes to KNOW that He is telling us the truth.

Here are these three MIGHTY things, three powerful images, total and absolute.

– The BLOOD – The CROSS –

– The RESURRECTION of the Lord Jesus Christ –

**He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.** 1 John 2:2

The Blood erases all sin; God simply cannot remember any of it.

**For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died.**  
2 Corinthians 5:14

The Cross eliminates the sinner; he no longer exists, end of story.

**For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.** 1 Corinthians 15:22

The Resurrection is who we are; each in his time.

**If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God...** 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

There is no sin; there is no sinner. The sacrifice of Jesus allows us to turn our backs on every concern over “me,” and what “I do,” and busy ourselves with the one thing, the only thing that is important, knowing this God who fills us full.

God gave us the bold and absolute picture of the Blood, He gave us the bold and absolute picture of the Cross, and He gave us the bold and absolute picture of the RESURRECTION so that we could leap utterly into the tree of life and never worry about any aspect of the tree of knowledge ever again. So that we simply never again concern ourselves with ourselves. We are a done deal. Now, we simply sink into God in Person filling us full without ever once worrying about any limitation or inability on our part.

To know God and to know Jesus-Sent – Christ is perfected in our weakness.

## **The Second Response of Faith: Speak**

God does not form Christ in us without our active and continual involvement. He simply never pushes anyone around, but He does all things in joy and delight together with us, including transforming us into the image of Christ, the express image of the Father.

God has given us a very specific mechanism, a precise exercise by which we take on our true self, the Lord Jesus, losing in the process even the memory of all non-meaning we have ever known.

Then here is what we discover. This is a big deal. We discover that by winning our true Christ identity, we are altering the identity of the entire universe, both heaven and earth. The universe has never known its true identity; all it has ever known was the false duality painted by Adam.

We are setting creation free.

God creates all things by speaking. God opens His mouth to speak, and the Lord Jesus is always flowing out of the Father as the light and life that creates and sustains all things.

**Then God SAID, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God SAW the light, that it was good.**

Here is the means by which God brings forth everything.

**...God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did.** Romans 4:17

First God says, then God sees. If this is God's reality, how can anything else be ours? We speak, then we see what we speak.

Continuing in Romans 4. (Abraham) **contrary to hope, in hope believed... according to what was spoken... And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead... He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.**

The line **"And God SAW the light, that it was good,"** that seeing of God was the seeing of faith. God spoke light, therefore light became. God saw goodness, therefore all things were good.

Speaking comes first, seeing comes second. Both are by faith; both enter into the darkness, into "nothingness" before they bring forth their reality.

Our reality in God is God's reality in Himself. We transform ourselves and the entire universe by the words that we speak.

**...For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**

Creating and sustaining, forming and fashioning all things by speaking, and then by seeing what is spoken by faith, that it is truly good, is the nature and Being of this God who fills us with His Person.

When we speak what God speaks concerning Christ our only life, then God speaks through us. If God speaks through us (prophecy), then what's the problem? There is none. Hold in faith and see God alone.

Sadly, if we prefer to be double-hearted and double-minded, if God has not yet won our hearts, we will not speak Christ alone. Rather, we will speak an unending mixture of confusion. Our lives will always follow our speaking.

Speaking Christ always begins in the darkness, that is, by faith. Speaking comes first; seeing comes second. We speak first what we do not yet see.

And so I want to include the ten most important verses in the Bible as statements of faith, in short form, as the speaking of Christ.

Speak these things; prophecy Christ.

Speak them over and over until you know that they are true as your very and only life.

As you speak Christ, God through you is transforming not only your identity, but the identity of the entire creation as well.

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And thus we know God and we know Jesus-Sent.

## **The Ten as Personal Confessions of Faith**

1. From the very beginning, God determined to make me just like Jesus.
2. I am filled with all the fullness of God.
3. The Spirit of God flows out from me as rivers of living water bringing life and joy to all.
4. I cast down every voice that speaks against the Word God speaks, against Christ my only life.
5. Christ is my life; I have no other life.
6. I boldly enter the Holiest, the throne of God – with my heart sprinkled always with Blood, and with my body, flesh of His flesh, washed clean.
7. I exult boastfully in all the victory of Christ revealed in me. I speak Christ; I keep the joy of my confidence high.
8. I love you; I lay down my life for you.
9. I set creation free.
10. Just as Jesus is IN the Father, so I am in Him and He is in me, every part of me in Him and Him in every part of me. I abide in Christ; He abides in me.