



# FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

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## **GOD'S SPIRIT ARRIVES**

**After our dear sweet Jesus, back to His Father did ascend  
God's Spirit arrived on earth, like the blowing of violent wind**

**Jesus promised not to leave us, as orphans all alone  
And sent His Spirit, as tongues of fire, right from His throne**

**Anoint me with the fruit of the Spirit, love, joy, and peace  
Filling my soul with Christ like actions, that never long to cease**

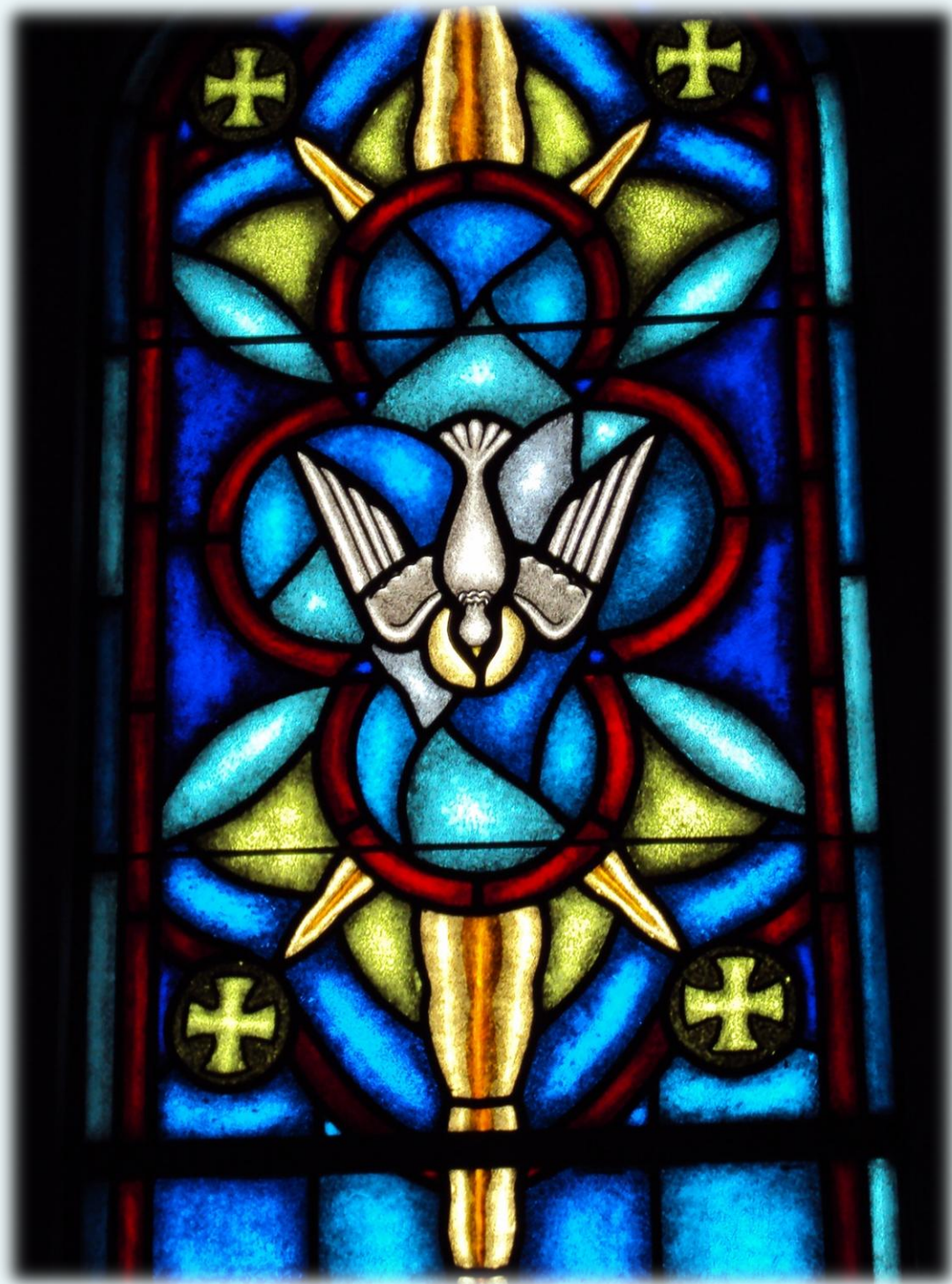
**May I sow to please the Spirit, rich in fruit from God above  
A mirror of God's own nature, filled with peace joy and love**

**Bearing fruit in my daily walk, being patient, kind and good  
Spreading the message of Christian love, treating others as I should**

**Being faithful to my promise, and gentle in my life  
Using self-control when facing, the trials, heartaches and strife**

**The fruit of the Spirit, led by the greatest gift called love  
Will make straight my path, setting me apart to God above**

**You were present at the beginning, and will return at the end  
Full of love, joy and peace, my Savior, Lord, and friend**



## God's Spirit Arrives

JOHN 14: 16-18

And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another counselor to be with you forever----the Spirit of Truth.



## **LOVE---GOD'S ESSENCE**

**Love, the essence of God's nature, shines down in pure and brilliant streams  
Entering each child's thankful heart, as brightly as a thousand dreams**

**With every morning dawning, it arrives rich, fresh, and new  
For its God's fairest flower that blooms, for humble souls like you**

**It's endless and everlasting, with no danger of running out  
And arrives on the wings of eagles, with a happy and jubilant shout**

**Fearless and unafraid of your worst, love's confident in your best  
Overcoming all your terror and doubt, when facing life's darkest test**

**God's incredulous love proves its character, in wild and impossible ways  
Like the free gift of eternal life, to anyone that believes and prays**

**Its infinite power of forgiveness, is boundless and overflowing  
Felt in the soul's deepest abyss, with dark desperation growing**

**Its received while humbly kneeling, at the old rugged cross  
Immersed in our Saviors love, freed from life's dark albatross**

**Its heard as tender words flow softly, from a sweet angelic voice  
As comfort is offered to another, providing hope with reason to rejoice**

**Love is tasted in salty streaming tears, down a kind sympathetic face  
While closely holding a grieving soul, in a warm and tender embrace**

**Love, the essence of God's nature, fills all the empty places in our hearts  
Making us content and complete, before the dawn of each day starts**





# LOVE



**Love---God's Essence**

**1 CORINTHIANS 13: 13**

**And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.**



## **JOY IN THE MORNING**

**When I arise and view the dark pre-dawn sky  
A star winks back, with a silent, but excited cry**

**It serves as a reminder of my Lord, God, and King  
And beckons me to lift up my voice in praise to Him, and sing**

**Oh, bright and morning star, you pierce the dark sky with light  
Giving my soul joyful hope, filling my spirit with happiness and delight**

**You pulsed in silent rhythm as the stars praised God in song  
For you were His perfect creation, and to Him would forever belong**

**You witnessed God's plan, everything great and small  
From Him all life came, He was designer of it all**

**Your dazzling light is beautiful, and precious to us all  
For it represents God's loving gift Jesus, who answered His Father's call**

**Jesus, our Bright and Morning Star, was born into the dark world one night  
As a gift so rare and pure, He covered the earth in glimmering light**

**We're unable to understand the depth of God's amazing love  
Showering down as blessings of light, pure and simple from heaven above**

**So, clap your hands in jubilation, shout for joy all through the night  
For Jesus, The Bright and Morning Star, our Savior, Gift, Eternal Light**

**There's joy in the morning, pure and simple, sacred and sweet  
A message of love and hope worth sharing, with everyone we meet**

# JOY



## *Joy In The Morning*

**PHILIPPIANS 4: 4**

**Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again. Rejoice!**



## **PEACE—A QUIET WALK WITH GOD**

**Peace, a quiet walk with God, under the velvet blossoms of spring  
With the fragrance of His sweet love all around; a pure and beautiful thing**

**As I closely walk with my Heavenly Father, down the peaceful avenue of prayer  
May I mirror His beauty and likeness, having abundant grace to share**

**When I set my face on God, filling my mind with heavenly things  
I'll hear His still small voice, and feel the brush of angels' wings**

**Quiet fields and shady river banks painted with soft hues of summers green  
Offer pristine places to commune with Him, like none I've ever seen**

**His footsteps are the only map I need, that leads to my eternal home  
For they are the way, truth, and light, no matter how far I roam**

**In the cool and quiet, under autumn leaves, the mountains will break forth in  
song**

**As I walk in joy and am led by His peace, serenaded by His musical throng**

**His peace he'll leave with me. His peace he'll give to me.  
Receiving a grateful heart, and a spirit that's light and free**

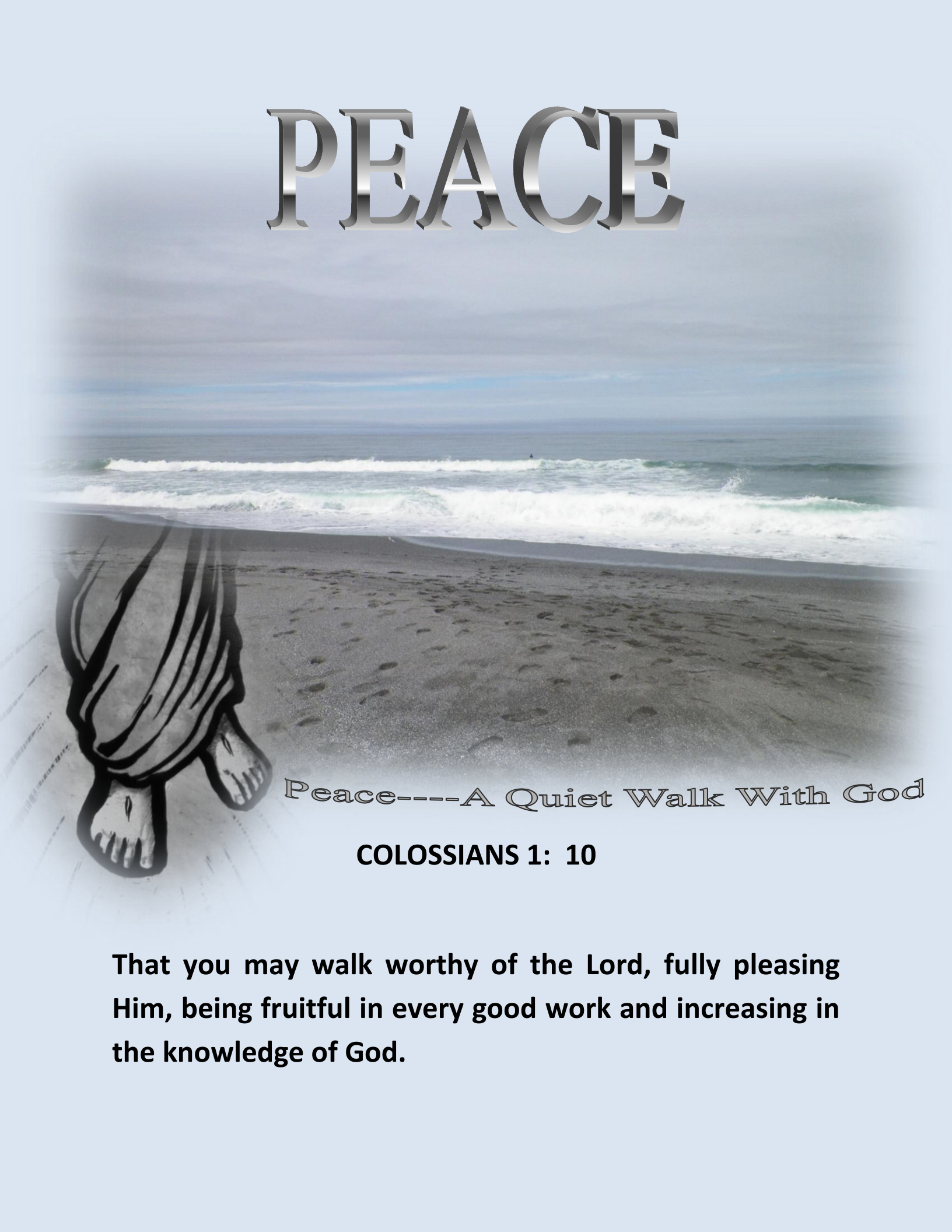
**During the winter of my life, when two sets of prints are seen in the snow  
May it be evident that God's my companion, from the warmth and peaceful  
glow**

**For at my parting breath, all I'll take is what I leave behind  
The footsteps on my journey of life, a path for others to find**

**Peace, a quiet walk with God, holding tightly to His hand  
Inviting others to walk and talk with us, leaving footsteps in the sand**



# PEACE



Peace----A Quiet Walk With God

**COLOSSIANS 1: 10**

**That you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.**



### **PATIENCE—MY SOUL'S QUIET WAIT**

**Patience, my soul's quiet wait for daybreak, to answer the Master's call  
When lingering shadows and morning light, dance playfully on the wall**

**This is my Father's world, filled with sacred and beautiful things  
That quicken my pulse, making ready my heart, for the joy and delight it brings**

**God's musical orchestration, of life's rhythm and changing season  
Let's me know I was created, for His purpose and special reason**

**Let me patiently toil in His garden, where He trains and shows me His way  
And steadies my steps, providing courage and wisdom, for each and everyday**

**He gives me pause to remember, that love sprouts from a tiny seed  
And that spading deeply in the word of God, provides everything I need**

**He's there when I stumble and fall, offering a kind and gentle hand  
Leaving His path to clearly follow, as footsteps in the sand**

**God smiles and wildly rejoices, when I bravely take wings and soar  
For His love has no boundary, providing grace and blessings galore**

**My Lord is always patient, slow to anger, gracious and just  
Beckoning me to willingly give Him, complete loyalty, faith and trust**

**Be quiet, my soul, for He speaks in a still small voice  
Let my heart hear His words, accepting His will, as my one and only choice**

**For I will walk and not grow weary, soaring high as on eagles wings  
With a full to overflowing spirit, that praises God and joyfully sings**

**Patience, my soul's quiet wait for God; and God alone  
To receive His eternal salvation, right from His heavenly throne**

# PATIENCE



**Patience---The Soul's Quiet Wait**

**PSALM 27: 14**

**Wait for the Lord. Be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.**



## **KINDNESS—THE MASTER'S TOUCH**

**Kindness—the Master's touch of devotion, called us from darkness into light  
Showing His rich, incomparable grace, by choosing to dwell among us one night**

**Christ's 33 years of life on earth, filled with compassion, forgiveness and love  
Provided us a living example, designed by our Heavenly Father above**

**May God's touch of kindness, find its way through a crack in your heart  
Making it overflow with grace, refreshed and ready for each days start**

**Because of the Master's touch, Christ can powerfully live through you  
Showing the width and depth of kindness, in everything you do**

**The warmth of your touch through words, a smile, or a compassionate embrace  
Can be seen in the eyes of a child, or on an old man's shining joyful face**

**A deep searching inward look, and an outward giving of yourself  
May be treasured by a stranger, and placed on his heart's deepest shelf**

**When you are old and gray, may you always remember the beauty of God's love  
Rich in kindness forgiveness and hope, softly descending on the wings of a dove**

**God has never forgotten all your battles, oppression, heartaches and fears  
For He has gently blotted your furrowed brow, and gathered all your tears**

**The Master's touch will always lead us, with cords of kindness, grace and love  
While tending our painful wounds, and feeding our souls from heaven above**



# KINDNESS

## Kindness---The Master's Touch

**EPHESIANS 4: 32**

**Be kind and compassionate to one another;  
forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God  
forgave you.**





## **GOODNESS—THE SPIRIT OF GOD**

**Goodness is the Spirit of God, living in each child's forgiven heart  
Convicting us of our sins, while offering direction and a fresh new start**

**Jesus called us out of darkness, to be His salt and radiant light  
Through setting a daily example, with a path that's pure and bright**

**So slow the beating of your heart, over thoughts of personal care  
Freeing your mind to focus on others, with burdens impossible to bear**

**Lay all the storms of life's troubles, on God's altar this dark night  
Hearing His voice in your stillness, as the needs of others appear in sight**

**It's better to give than receive, a principal truth from God above  
Your key in opening His storehouse, of eternal life and abundant love**

**There are spirits broken from raging winds, alone weary and sad  
Just waiting once again with a reason, for hearts to be healed and made glad**

**Let us all be God's humble angels, performing ordinary gestures and deeds  
Counting on Him to turn this goodness, into fertile, extraordinary seeds**

**Since we'll pass this way but once, let's not ignore, hesitate or delay  
To offer pilgrims acts of kindness, throughout each and everyday**

**For the eyes of the Lord are watching from beginning until the end  
Providing strength for our journey, and endless blessings to send**

**God's glory in all its splendor, brightly shines in the commonplace  
Offering goodness to His precious children, throughout the human race**

# GOODNESS



**Goodness---The Spirit of God**

**MATTHEW 5: 16**

**Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.**





## **FAITH---THE SPIRIT'S MUSIC**

**Faith is the Spirit's music, lifted in praise to God above  
A heart's song of hope, rich in grace, purity and love**

**Its feeling like the world is your oyster, confident in this journey called life  
Enjoying the crescendo of blessings, free from momentary heartache and strife**

**Faith is one last musical chord, desperately desiring to vibrate the air  
Struggling to climb life's tallest mountain, with burdens impossible to bear**

**It's stepping out on what appears to be nothing but air  
And trusting that God's solid rock will always be there**

**Or being able to live in the empty, blackness of a long and lonely night  
Counting on God's presence and the inner spirit's soft, illuminating light**

**It's hearing a still small voice of assurance, down each lonely path you trod  
Saying, "Be quiet my child, it's time to cease striving, and know that I am God."**

**Before you ask, I answer, and while you're speaking, I hear  
For you are the apple of my eye, dear one, and will always find me near**

**So lift your hands in a song of faith, on bended knees of prayer  
Dare to trust! Dare to follow! He who promises will always care**

**Faith, the Spirit's music, heavens most beautiful and sacred refrain  
God's reward for each step taken; eternal life for His children to gain**



# FAITH



**Faith--Climbing Mountains**

**HEBREWS 11: 1**

**Now faith is the substance of things hoped for; the evidence of things not seen.**



### **GENTLENESS—THE WHISPER OF GOD**

**God's gentle whisper dances across my brow, and tenderly kisses my face  
Infusing my spirit with His sweet love, and filling my heart with grace**

**At the first breath of day, when a soft breeze stirs, waking the sleeping leaves  
God beckons me to humbly pray, while bowed on bended knees**

**He's eager to touch me with amazing grace, and teach His loving way  
Giving me a quiet tongue, soft voice, and gentle words to say**

**At His well of truth, I receive living water, a refreshing spiritual drink  
As He gives me tender hands, soothing words, and peaceful thoughts to think**

**He bids me to daily walk, in my blessed Savior's path  
Receiving the shield of His salvation, and powerful strength it hath**

**Jesus will feed my soul like a shepherd, and gather me under His arm  
Gently pulling me to His bosom, protecting from all harm**

**May I take His yoke upon me, for He is gentle and humble in heart  
Learning, while restoring my strength; ready for each day's start**

**God will smile on my gentle spirit with great joy and delight  
For He will see its unfolding beauty, as worthy in His sight**

**Gentleness, the whisper of God; a healing and peaceful balm  
Offering unspeakable joy in the morning, and blissful evening calm**



# GENTLENESS



Gentleness---The Whisper Of God

**PHILIPPIANS 4: 5**

**Let your gentleness be evident to all.**



### **SELF-CONTROL—LIVING IN GOD'S LIGHT**

**Self-control is living in God's light, which arrives as the first blush of day  
Brightening our paths, while cleansing our souls, and making straight the way**

**If we walk with the world, our hearts beat alone, not hearing the voice of God  
Making perilous our journey, with each step taken, on a difficult path to trod**

**Poor empty and lonely soul, void of God's precious healing light  
Lost on a dangerous, worldly path, that's as cold and dark as night**

**It's when our pride and arrogance are stripped, with feet unable to climb  
That we hear His voice most clearly, changing our fears into joy sublime**

**God isn't looking for perfection, but purity of heart instead  
And is eagerly waiting to hear our pleas, offering humble souls to be led**

**It is Christ alone that satisfies the ailing human soul  
Preparing our minds for action, while teaching us self-control**

**He is as close as a whisper, and as near as a humble prayer  
God is our help in time of trouble, a lamp that is always there**

**Remember that our vessels are never full, until empty and all poured out  
For sharing God's love with others is what life's journey's all about**

**Our Lord is the Fountain of Life, pure and simple, bright and clear  
For it's living in His light, that self-control is present and heavens gates are near**



# SELF-CONTROL



Self-Control----Living In God's Light

**PSALM 18: 28**

**You, O Lord keep my lamp burning, my God turns my  
darkness into light.**



### **DO YOU KNOW MY JESUS?**

**Do you know my Jesus, sent down from heaven above  
God's gift of eternal life, replete with incomparable love**

**For God so loved the world, he wanted our hearts to be won  
And chose to dwell among us, as His one and only Son**

**Jesus, the sunshine of my morning, the truth, light and only way  
The sunset of my evening, a perfect ending for everyday**

**He's the breathless wonder of the pre-dawn sky, my bright and morning star  
God's gift of love so rare and pure, its brilliance seen both near and far**

**"Father forgive them," was the sound from my dear Savior's voice  
A human sacrifice for my sins, an unimaginable, personal choice**

**He'll protect and keep me, all the days of my earthly life  
Offering me strength for the journey, and courage to face the darkest strife**

**He's my Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End  
And will run to meet me when I come home, my Savior, Lord and Friend**

**Do you know my Jesus who stands at your door with a gentle knock  
Just waiting to hear your answer yes, to set your feet on solid rock**

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# HAPPY JESUS



**Do you know my Jesus?**

**REVELATION 3: 20**

**Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and him with me.**



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