

GETTING TO KNOW GOD

*God is my heavenly **Father** who lovingly provides for me as His child.* He accepts me as His child, knowing my childishness, and yet leads me on to maturity. He longs to have close fellowship with me and urges me to come to Him in prayer and ask all things of Him. He will supply my every need, always giving me what is best. As my Father He will constantly seek to direct my heart in the way that is right, lovingly disciplining me when I need it. Through Him I am fully provided for, completely loved and absolutely secure.

Matt. 7:7-11; Jn. 14:23, 16:23-28; Rom. 8:15; 2 Cor. 1:2-4; 1 Thess. 3:11; Heb. 12:4-13; 1 Jn. 2:15

*God is my faithful **Shepherd** who leads and guides me.* He gives me provision, protection, comfort, and correction. His care for me is gentle and gracious and secures my eternal well being. He is aware of my

wayward tendencies and calls me to follow Him closely out love. In Him I find abundant life.

Ps. 23; Is. 40:10-22; Jn. 10:1-11; 1 Peter 2:21-25, 5:4

*God is my gracious **Savior, Jesus Christ** who loves me and gave Himself for me.* He paid the full price for my sin with His precious blood so I now stand in Him completely forgiven and acceptable to the Father. In giving His life for me He also gave His life to me, so I am now born again in His life. I live by His power, awaiting the day when He comes again for me.

Is. 45:21; Lk.2:10-11; Acts 5:30-32; Phil 3:20; 2 Tim. 1:8-11, Tit 3:4-6; 2 Peter 1:1, 16-18

*God is my comforting **Counselor, the Holy Spirit** who is always with me.* He understands all my hurts, fears, and needs and yet is eager to reveal and to apply God's wisdom and charter to me. He will never leave me and teaches me how to pray rightly. He will convict me of sin and teach me what is true. He opens my heart and mind to understand and apply His Word. He is the power of God in my life and the seal of my eternal inheritance.

Jn. 14:16-17, 26-27; Acts 9:31; Rom. 8:26-27; Gal 5: 22-25; 1 Jn. 2:20, 27

*God is my perfect **High Priest** who intercedes for all my needs.* He understands all my weaknesses and yet offers me His gracious help. He is compassionate and sensitive, yet totally without sin. His offering of

Himself in my place secures my place secures my eternal salvation. Through Him I have continual access to the Father and His grace.

Heb. 2:14-18; 3:1; 4:14-16; 7:24-28; 10:10-14

*God is my **Creator** who designed me perfectly in His imagine with a glorious purpose.* He has all knowledge, and all power, and is working all things together for my good that I might be conformed to Christ. In fulfilling His purposes I find significance and contentment.

Gen. 1:1,27,21; Is 43:1; Rom. 8:28-29; Col. 1:13-17; 3:9-11; Rev. 4:9-11; 5:11-13

*God is my **Lord** who knows and wills what is best for me.* He has absolute authority in my life to direct me through His Word and His Spirit. In responding to Him by faith I become obedient, discovering that His will for me is good, acceptable and perfect. I find satisfaction and eternal reward in serving Him.

Lk. 6:46-48; Romans 10:9-10, 12:1-2, 14:23; Eph. 5:15-21