

bore your blame so freely while He was entirely without blame. See your awful antagonism to Him who loves you so. Release it to Him. Receive His love and forgiveness. Begin to revel in His trustworthiness regardless of how things seem to you. When you can't forgive yourself for accusing God, come to the compassionate Father who grieves with your grief.

When you are weary and worn out, come. As you previously ran away from the Lord to a smoke, a bottle, drugs, TV, food, or friends, run to the Lord Himself for your solace. When you can't come, when you're too self-satisfied to come, when you're too lazy to come, when you're too tired to come, when you're too hopeless to come, come anyway to the only source and solution for all your needs, Jesus.

How to Come

Come in need and quiet meekness. Come in trust and openness. Come in receptivity and non-resistance. Come in peace and rest. Come in simplicity and sincerity. Come in freedom ~not from compulsion, but from desire. Come in joy that He is always there for you. Come in confidence and expectation. Come in love.

This challenge to come to God always in all things is without worth unless we come in humble, non-resistant, dependent neediness.

Give Him Your Heart

The only sin that will keep you from draw-

ing close to God is an unbroken, unrepentant, unwilling, untrusting, unyielded, independent heart. Whenever you sense yourself being centered on yourself and your wishes, withdraw Godward, and recommence your quiet communion with Him.

Come regardless of how futile or hopeless it may seem. Stay there in quiet confidence that He will Himself draw you in love even if it's unnoticed by you. Trust Him. He has promised He will do it. He has never told a lie.

Only God can draw us to Himself. We need only to allow Him to remove the blockages that we may receive of His grace. By His enabling we willingly respond to His call to die to all that is not Him to live in Him and His joy.

Words would fail us if space did not. Suffice it to say that we can come in everything to the great I AM, who is all-sufficient for us.

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Come to Jesus

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*“And the Spirit and the bride say,
“Come!” And let him who hears say,
“Come!” And let him who thirsts come.
And whoever desires, let him take the water
of life freely.”
Revelation 22:17*

The way to draw close to the heart of God in a Christianity that really works is simply to come to Jesus. Some of the ways to come are: give Him your attention, focus on Him; worship, love, and adore Him; rest content in Him; abide at home in Him; realize your place in Him and His place in you. In showing you how, I have tried to help you recognize that it's not the human how that is important but the divine Who. Jesus, as He lives within you, draws you constantly to Himself. You are simply responding to His drawing.

The more you respond to His drawing and come, the better. Come, accepting His word that there is no good thing in you, only in Him. Come, then, with no thought that in the coming there somehow is merit. You may want to respond receptively to Him and His undeserved love and grace, but you can't. Only He that is in you can.

COME TO JESUS

Come knowing that the only good thing you can do is respond to His drawing and this is only by His enabling.

To come with your own goals and purposes in mind, your own plans, and programs is scarcely to come at all. Rather, the ultimate aspiration is to come to Him in such a manner that you might always abide and reside in Him. So, abiding and residing, unresistingly, dependently in Him, you may receive in Him all you need, including your very life.

Why Suffer Unnecessarily?

The retaining of something for ourselves is the cause of our separation from God and the fear, anxiety, and pain that accompany it. We were never intended to be even a thought away from God. We were to reflect Him in all things, to depend on Him for all things, to be apart from Him in nothing, to depend on ourselves and hope in ourselves for nothing.

The anguish occasioned by our separation from God is so needless. In Him is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. Separation from God causes the divisions, the disunity, the conflict, and the confusion that boil in the cauldron of the soul and spill over in anxiety, impatience, fear, envy, jealousy, anger, hatred, and murder. In being reunited to God, in giving everything back to Him, we're made whole.

But how is this accomplished? The answer is in responding to the Lord and finding Him in Himself, not in His truth, nor in an experience of Him, nor in our efforts to please Him.

Always and in all things, come to Jesus. Come to His Father. Come to His Spirit. Come to the triune God. Let everything serve as a reminder to come. Start wherever you can. Let God purify your purposes as time goes on.

When to Come

In need, come to the omnipotent One. In uncertainty, come to the omniscient One. In loneliness, come to the omnipresent One. In failure, come to the infinitely perfect One who is perfectly understanding and caring. In fear, come to the loving Father. In sin, come to the Savior. In restlessness, come to the God of peace. In hopelessness, come to the God of hope. In bitterness, anger, or hatred, come to the God of love. In rebellion, come to the One who died to restore rebel man to his place in God. In sickness of mind, heart, body, or spirit, come to the Great Physician. In pain and distress, come to the Comforter. In need of knowledge, come to the Truth. In need of wisdom, come to Him who is made unto us wisdom. In need of righteousness, come to Him who is made unto us righteousness. In need of holiness of life, come to Him who is made unto us sanctification. In need of redemption, come to the Kinsman Redeemer. In dying, come to the Life. In hunger, come to the Bread of Life. In thirst, come to the Living Water. In need of love, come to

Him who is love. In worship, come to the Creator of the universe, the Almighty. In service, come to the One who has all power in heaven and on earth.

In testing and temptation, come to Jesus who was ~in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin~ (Hebrews 4:15). Come to the One who has promised never to allow us to be tempted above that we are able, and who has promised to make a way of escape.

In the uncertainties of daily life, come depending on the infinitely capable God of love. Come to the omnipotent God who is infinitely concerned with the smallest need, or weakness, or incapacity, or distress we may have, and the most mammoth and frightening. Come to the One without whom we can do nothing.

Come Anyway

When you ache from sinful failure and want to hide from God, come to the God who prepared a sacrifice to cover all sin. When you fear to come because your sin is too big or too often repeated, come to the God who has promised never to leave us or forsake us. Come to the One who has promised to be faithful even when we aren't. Come to the One to whom no sin is too great to forgive, no wound too grievous to heal.

When you blame God, come to Him who