

Poems for Christians

In Christ We Live – In Christ We Die

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I would like to dedicate this book to all my spiritual teachers, your teachings were and continue to be a precious gift that I will carry with me forever. I am what I am today because of your wisdom, guidance, and patience, and for that I will be eternally grateful.

Preface

Poems for Christians has been written not just to offer support upon your path, but it is also written to encourage you to think about how you live your life and Christian walk.

God means many things to many people, and even as Christians we can think very differently to one-another; especially if that other is from a different church or different denomination.

The idea of who and what God is and what that means for us all is a personal experience, and our daily walk with God can differ significantly.

Religion has the capacity to bring people together or cause a divide; it can

drive people to love and drive them to kill. But God didn't create religion and God would not want a divide and that is why God created an opportunity and a blueprint on how to live as a Holy person – Christ.

If we all worked on ourselves to develop our divine potential what a difference it would make in the world. What a light we would shine for others to see and follow.

No matter what you believe or which church you belong to, one thing that we all share is the choice to change our own life, the choice to change how we think, feel, act, and speak. We are all equal and all able to be more like Christ if that is what we truly desire.

How many times have we read or heard about the minister, (minister being used in a broad context) falling into sin, either falling into adultery, robbing the church, or luring in children? It is not ok, it is not acceptable to me, it is probably not acceptable to you, and it is certainly not

acceptable to God.

I must ask myself – *“If we truly believe in God, in Christ, in the Holy Spirit, if we are truly walking in close relationship with God, can we really commit such abominations?”* I personally do not believe so. I do not believe that if we are walking closely to *The Divine*, that *Divine Spark of Creation*, call it what you may, that we would commit such sin. We all fall short of His glory, but if we are close to God and *‘hearing His voice’* and especially at the level of a minister (which does not excuse everyone else’s sin) would we not hear Him telling us not to do such things?

I feel if we are truly close to God, to our Lord, to Spirit, we would feel, if not hear that still inner voice saying *‘Stop.’* If our hearts are truly for that which we confess to believe in, we would heed that still inner voice.

I believe the time has come for us all to stop blaming the devil and accept responsibility for all we think, feel, speak, and do. Have you noticed we never blame

the devil for the good things we do, we take credit for that, but if it is something bad – *“the devil made me do it!!”*

But as I write this, I do not write it to bring judgement upon anyone, we all make mistakes and sin is sin whether big or small. I write this merely as a reminder, I hold it up as a mirror so that as we all check ourselves daily, even hourly if we need to, we will remember to ensure we are walking a sanctified life for and through Christ.

When we walk in such a way, we can be sure we will remain sanctified and that our light will surely shine brightly.

I encourage you all today, to take a deeper than usual look within, spend time on a life review and see what you need to change.

No-one knows the hour when Christ will knock on the door of our heart and say: *“It’s time.”*

Ensure your heart is cleansed, your love is kindled, and your lamp is trimmed. Be all you are meant to be in this life, and that

is much more than what you imagine. Be a light to the world because it needs you.

Whether you realize it or not, **you are special**, a one of a kind in the eyes of God; so, do not let life, people or circumstances tell you anything different - Kenzo

We Are All Sanctified **by** and **Through**
Christ when We Live a Sanctified Life

~ Kenzo Amariyo ~

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Who Is God?

Chapter One

Who is God? What a question! Who can really explain that one?

For many, what or who God is will be a collection of bible verses that they have read or heard. For others, it will be what they were brought up to believe, for others still, it will be a vastly different answer.

Some believe God to be a person, a '*Him*' in the sky. Others focus on His essence as a spiritual being, as energy - universal energy, a divine source that is everywhere,

and runs through and in all living things.

The word or term '*God*' means many things to many people, and I believe that we must all accept and respect the fact that what we as individuals believe to be God, is not necessarily what others believe to be God.

No-one can truly comprehend or fully explain that which is not truly comprehensible. When we try to explain what or who God is, we fail to explain the inexplicable spark of creation, the seed of life.

How can we, who are rooted in our physical body hope to explain something so spiritual?

As humans, we tend to need to find labels for everything, things cannot just '*be*.' We must label things and have some sort of explanation as to why it is what it is. We do this for us to understand and have a somewhat common knowledge of things so that we can communicate with each other without too much confusion. What a problem it would be if what you called a

chair, I called a table!

Who Is God? What an inviting question!

Surely this is a deep question that just begs you to delve deep into your own mind, you own heart, your own soul, a question which begs you to delve deep into your own psyche?

I encourage you to use this time to write down your own thoughts and ideas of who or what God is for you.

Whatever your concept of God is, I encourage you to permit it to permeate your soul, and to permit its essence to be the catalyst we all need to help us to change, grow, and evolve.

One thing we must all remember is this: If we are all made in His likeness, in His image, then we can all bring forth change.

We have all been blessed with the gift of creation all-be-it on a smaller scale, and we need to use and honour that gift responsibly and permit it to bring greatness into our own lives; and greatness may simply be the

number of hearts we have touched in this lifetime.

For me, God is the source of all living things; we see God daily through people, animals, the earth, the sky. They are all reflections or aspects of God. If God created the heavens and the earth and all that is in it, then it makes sense that God is in all those things.

Give thanks daily to God and for God, and promise, just for today, you will behave in such a way that others will see God in you. You may be the only or last opportunity they have here on earth to find Him.

The Lord's Love

Chapter Two

"Love like God"

*God so loved the world,
He gave His only son.
If I could love just half that much,
I would feel that I have won.*

*But feelings often are deeply hurt,
And people are full of regret.
Life goes by so swiftly,
And forgiveness we start to forget.*

*We forget the love we were given,
We forget the love Christ shows.
We become ensnared, in worldly cares,
Forgiveness!!! – I would rather cut off my nose!*

*But after all the bitterness,
And once we turn back to our Lord.
We start to hear His voice saying:
“Unforgiveness you shouldn’t hoard.*

*For your heart was born in Heaven,
And all the Angels sing.
When you always choose forgiveness,
Over all negative things.”*

When we read about Jesus and his life, and all that He sacrificed and suffered, and the fact that He did it for love for us all; you cannot help but start to feel appreciation, humbleness, and gratitude.

We so often take His life for granted, we hear about His sacrifice so much, it is easy to start to feel or be blasé about it.

Often, because of broken trust in our close relationships, we find it difficult to believe in Christ's love and to accept His love. However, one thing we must remember is that God, our Lord, and the person(s) you have or had difficult feelings with are not the same.

If there is one thing, we can be sure of, it is that the Lord's love is never ending, it is not abusive, and He will never hurt us.

The Lord loves us with His heart and soul and we in return must learn to love not only Him but each other.

The more time we spend with someone, the more likely we are to become more like them. The more time we spend with Christ, the more likely we are to become like Him; and what a wonderful person to be like!

We all need to make that decision to be more Christ-like, to permit His love to flow to us and through us so we can be the change we need in our own life and the lives of those around us.

The world is a beautiful place and people are born as beautiful people, it is the journey and what is instilled within that makes the difference; good or bad.

It is so easy to become carried away with our own life, our own joys, and our own problems that we run the risk of becoming that Sunday saint. We remember God or Christ on Sunday morning whilst getting ready for Church, go to Church and be the good person we are expected to be, then go home and 'get on with life.'

God should be our life, He or It, the Divine Source, call it what you may, should be our life not a separate aspect of our life. God should be the driving force in all that we say and do.

How many times have we almost forgotten the love of Christ? Then something bad happens, and suddenly we find ourselves remembering Him and running to Him asking for help.

If we love Christ we will love Him daily, we will walk in love moment by

moment, not because we must or are expected to, but because our love and gratitude is so great that we realize that that is the least we can do for all He gave to us.

Loving God, loving Christ is not something we need to do, it is not something we should do or must do.

Loving God, loving Christ, is something we naturally do, because that love is so real it bubbles up within and flows naturally, just like the love we have for all the special people in our life.

Sanctification

Chapter Three

It is as we renew our minds that we can draw closer to The Divine and by drawing closer, we are then more able and enabled to do the work of God.

Romans 12:2

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing, and perfect will.”

To be sanctified by God is to be set apart; living a sanctified life is keeping yourself set apart for God's purpose and intentions. Sanctification not only comes through Christ, but it also comes from walking with and as Christ. We are given the gift of sanctification; in other words, we are washed clean and forgiven through grace. But this is only half of it, we then must choose to walk in a sanctified manner, we must keep ourselves sanctified and set apart for God.

Sanctification is not a one-off deal, we are forgiven and cleansed for past sins, not for future ones. Continued sanctification requires us to choose to give up and let go of the things that displease God, the things that cause a divide between us and God. Sanctification happens within us when we choose to transform, or renew our minds, when we choose to feed it with more spiritual things. If we always fill our heads

with negativity, we will eventually become negative, if we always fill our minds with divine things, we will eventually become as the divine; it may not happen quickly, it may not happen in this lifetime, but it will happen. When we realize and embody the idea of unlimited divine potential, we start to realize how much more we can be, how much more we can do to live a sanctified life.

1 Thessalonian's 5:23

"Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

What a powerful verse! To *be sanctified* is not the same as to *be* sanctified. God sanctifies us by setting us apart (to be *sanctified*), then WE sanctify OURSELVES by setting us apart, (to *be* sanctified). The sanctification of God is the calling and receiving of His sanctification, the

sanctification of our self, of our life, is the ongoing process of being sanctified or Christ-Like. God sanctifies the un-sanctified AND the sanctified. We sanctify ourselves by becoming sanctified. One is receiving one is maintaining, to remain sanctified, one must maintain their lives, their minds, which in turn will govern their actions.

God is calling us closer, calling us to remember that we are made in God's image, we are not made any less, or anymore, but in God's image. What more could we ask for? we are co-creators and can create a beautiful life in God.

A servant's heart offers a life of giving, it is in that giving that they can and often are blessed with more than that which they require. First give, then receive, first plant then reap. The harvest is never cut before the wheat is planted, no more than the gifts of the Spirit can be gained before the planting of their seed. God has a plan, a plan

for you, a plan for me and a plan for us. The question is.....do you know what it is?

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Chapter Four

"Thank You God"

*Dear Lord and God,
From Heaven and Earth,
Today I thank you for my birth.
I thank you for my life and love,
The love which flows from you above.*

*I thank you for your son begotten,
For all my sins now forgotten.
I thank you for life ever-after.*

Where we start a brand-new chapter.

*I thank you for all those who care,
And pray for sinners everywhere.
I pray for those who live with hate,
Please get them through Heaven's gate.*

*I pray for those who just seem bad,
When really, they are mostly sad.
I pray for all the world you see,
Because you are so good to me.*

"Christ Is My Covering"

*Christ is my covering,
He holds me in His arms.
He keeps me safe each day,
Covered with His balm.*

*His blood is used as water,
To wash away my sin.
I know I am forgiven,
It draws me close to Him.*

*Take not His love for granted,
Do not sin and say, "oh well."
The only place you will go,
Is the fiery place called Hell.*

*We must all be responsible,
For what we say and do.
Even though it is automatic,
That Christ will forgive you.*

*We are all sanctified you know,
By His love and by the cross.
But that does not give permission,
To choose a life of dross.*

*We must choose the actions,
That show we are sincere.
Then we can fully rest,
And not live in such fear.*

*For Christ is always with us,
He is fair in all his ways.
But we too need to live,
For Christ for all our days.*

"Angels Singing"

*Angels singing around the throne,
Saints a praying, humbly prone.
People chanting words of praise,
Thanking God for all their days.*

*Christ adorned with heavenly crown,
Love – Compassion – all around.
What else could there possibly be,
More important than Holy Thee?*

"If the World Could See"

*If the world could see,
What I do see.
There would be no tears,
For you nor me.*

*There would be just Love,
Compassion, Hope.
For Divine Potential,
Brings much scope.*

*If the world could see,
His love so dear.
They would quickly drop,
All sin and fear.*

*They would open their hearts,
To God's supreme love.
They would sense his forgiveness,
Straight from above.*

*If the world could see,
His arms open wide.*

*They would change their ways,
No need to hide.*

*The peace of God,
Would fill their heart.
In a loving relationship,
That would never part.*

“Chant Words of Praise”

*Chant the words of praise each day,
Keep the devil far away.
Keep your thoughts pure and clean,
Then your halo will be seen.*

*Glory, glory Angel's voices,
Singing praises for your choices.
Singing, dancing cheering on,
Closer to the throne you have gone.*

*Chant the words of praise each day,
Positioned prone in a humble way.
Praise and glory will fill your heart,
Sanctification will surely start.*

*The key is not to just receive,
That idea you must leave.
A relationship of love takes two,
That is surely Christ and YOU.*

"Be Your Best"

*Be the best that you can be,
Do not get caught up with sin and see.
See how Christ honours your ways,
His love abiding all your days.*

*Do not sin and say, "all is forgiven,
Christ accepts my sin forbidden.
Christ just loves me as I am,"
With this mistake you are surely damned.*

*Sanctified in Christ we be,
Though not a ticket to sin, you see.
Take responsibility for choices,
Do not listen to the devils' voices.*

*He says: "do not change, stay as you are,
You are accepted like a shining star.
Hold un-forgiveness, hate, and spite,
God accepts you; He sees your light.*

*Keep on sinning, do not change your ways,
There is plenty of time, plenty of days.*

*Do not trim your lamp, or heart,
Christ has loved you from the start."*

*Whilst true this is, upon one level,
Do not be tricked by the devil.
For Christ expects us all to change,
For we can grow and loose the reins.*

*For babes in Christ we cannot stay,
An adult we must become one day.
Choose to lose that self so low,
Be assured of where you will go.*

*Be the image and Christ's reflection,
Going in the right direction.
Then in time you will surely be,
Living with Christ - you and me.*

“Christ Crucified”

*They hung Him on a cross so high,
The air was filled with people's cries.
They crucified the Son of God,
Such sinful land, they all trod.*

*They took His clothes, they took His lot,
But Christ my Lord, is not forgot.
He rose again, in all His glory,
This is the truth, and not a story.*

*He rose again, all pure and light,
He gave us hope, on a dark, dark night.
He showed the way, like a twinkling star,
Love and compassion – He raised the bar.*

*He is our example, of how we should live,
With love and compassion, willingness to give.
All we need, is faith in our heart,
And from the Lord, we will never part.*

"The Cleansing Blood"

*The blood of Christ, washes clean,
All our sin, all that is mean.
It purifies us, just like gold,
It buffs us up, makes us feel bold.*

*The dross is gone, alive we be,
But we must now, walk as free.
So do not return, to sin's dark way,
Upon this path, you must surely stay.*

*Your worldly side, has been forgiven,
By the devil, be not driven.
He will drive you back, to sin and dust,
Where you will drown, within your lust.*

*The lust of flesh, and worldly things,
Pain and suffering, it surely brings.
But Christ will bring you, home again,
Then you will never, be the same.*

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