

Undivided Heart

DISCOVERING JESUS AS OUR ALL IN ALL

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...give me an undivided heart, that I may fear Your name.

Psalm 86:11

*And those **who know Your name** will put their trust in You;
For You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.*

Psalm 9:10

Key Truth

From the book of Genesis to the book of Revelation, there are just over 300 unique names used to describe who He is. Each name represents a specific aspect of His nature. Some names describe God the Father, and others describe Jesus — and each one shows a specific way He wants to reveal Himself to us personally.

Key Truth

When we know His Name, understand His nature, and truly catch a glimpse of who He really is, we realize that:

- There is no need He cannot meet
- There is no problem He cannot solve
- He truly is the answer to everything
- And He truly can be our everything.

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

Psalm 23:1

For He satisfies the longing soul...

Psalm 107:9

For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things...

Romans 11:36

“ALL THINGS:” ANY, ALL, EVERY, THE WHOLE, THOROUGHLY, DAILY

...the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 1:23

“WHO FILLS:” TO COMPLETE, FULFILL, SATISFY, PERFECTLY SUPPLY

“ALL IN ALL:” ANY, ALL, EVERY, THE WHOLE, THOROUGHLY, DAILY

Key Truth

In other words — Jesus is everything. And He is meant to be our everything.

...neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38–39

HE IS...FAITHFUL AND TRUE

(Revelation 19:11)

[Jesus is]...the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation.

Revelation 3:14

*I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse,
whose Rider is called Faithful and True.*

Revelation 19:11

HE IS...MY DELIVERER

(Psalm 70:5)

*The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

Psalm 18:2

I sought the Lord and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Psalm 34:4

*But as for me, I am poor and needy; come quickly to me, O God. You are my help and
my deliverer; Lord, do not delay.*

Psalm 70:5

HE IS...JEHOVAH RAPHA, MY HEALER

(Exodus 15:26)

...for I am the Lord who heals you.

Exodus 15:26

...who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases...

Psalm 103:3

O Lord my God, I cried out to You, and You healed me.

Psalm 30:2

HE IS...MY RESTORER

(Deuteronomy 30:3)

He restores my soul.

Psalm 23:3

Behold, I make all things new.

Revelation 21:5

HE IS ... THE LORD MY BANNER, MY MIRACLE

(Exodus 17:15)

You are the God who performs miracles; You display Your power among the people.

Psalm 77:14

He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you...

Galatians 3:5

HE IS...MY REFUGE

(Psalm 91:2)

*For my soul trusts in You and in the shadow of Your wings I will make **my refuge**,
until these calamities have passed by.*

Psalm 57:1

*O Lord, my strength and my fortress, **my refuge** in the day of affliction...*

Jeremiah 16:19

HE IS...JEHOVAH JIREH, MY PROVIDER

(Genesis 22:14)

*And Abraham called the name of the place, The-Lord-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In
the Mount of the Lord, it shall be provided."*

Genesis 22:14

*And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency
in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.*

2 Corinthians 9:8

HE IS...MY STRENGTH

(2 Samuel 22:33)

God is my strength and power, and He makes my way perfect.

2 Samuel 22:33

I will love You, O Lord, my strength.

Psalm 18:1

[His] strength is made perfect in weakness.

2 Corinthians 12:9

HE IS...MY FRIEND THAT STICKS CLOSER THAN A BROTHER

(Proverbs 18:24)

AND

HE IS...THE GOD OF ALL COMFORT

(2 Corinthians 1:3)

...there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Proverbs 18:24

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of mercies and God of all comfort.*

2 Corinthians 1:3

HE IS...MY HOPE

(Psalm 62:5)

*... according to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a **living hope** through
the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...*

1 Peter 1:3

***This hope** we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast...even Jesus...*

Hebrews 6:19-20

*Yes, my soul, find rest in God; **my hope** comes from Him.*

Psalm 62:5

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And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:13

#1 DRAW NEAR

A reminder of the verse we opened with:

*And those who know Your name will put their trust in You;
For You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.*

Psalm 9:10

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

James 4:8

...you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:13

...you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul.

Deuteronomy 4:29

Key Truth

Many of us hesitate to really draw near to Jesus. We don't often seek Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Many of us seek Him half-heartedly, distracted by other things, afraid to trust Him with our entire lives — and then complain that we don't feel close to Him or sense His presence in our lives. But if we truly knew Him, we would recognize what an astounding privilege it is to draw near to Him. If we truly knew Him, we would trust Him completely, without hesitation.

Key Question

What is the solution to this half-hearted pursuit of Jesus? Draw near. Don't wait for a rush of emotion or the "perfect moment" to pursue Him. Don't wait until you feel spiritually motivated or have an amazing mountaintop experience to focus on Jesus. Simply choose to go after Jesus with all your heart. Whatever it takes. Draw near to Him, and He will draw near to You.

KEY QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

What am I willing to sacrifice or change in order to make Him my highest priority?

Do I trust His promises that as I draw near to Him, He WILL draw near to me?

Am I seeking Him, or simply seeking an emotional experience? Am I willing to seek Him even if I don't feel a rush of emotion every time?

A FEW PRACTICAL WAYS TO DRAW NEAR TO HIM:

- Find a quiet place, even if it is a closet, or the corner of a dorm room
- Silence distractions (devices and dings)
- If you cannot get away from noise (e.g., you are a mom with young children, etc.), be purposeful to quiet your heart and mind and focus on Him, even as you are serving others...

**The spirit can sit at the Master's feet while the hands
are busy serving others.**

Amy Carmichael

- Journal your prayers, and pour out your heart to Him
- Practice turning to Him the very moment something difficult occurs (no matter how small)

Key Truth

What are the signs that Jesus is working in your life, responding to your prayers, and drawing near to you, as you draw near to Him? They might be different than you think. We often want a bolt of lightening, a mighty rushing wind, or a dramatic miracle. But God often speaks to us in less dramatic — but not less significant — ways. For example:

- Peace instead of fear
- Protection in ways you may not even see right away
- Provision for your daily needs — things you might even take for granted
- Shaping the desires of your heart

*Praise the Lord, my soul,
and forget not all His benefits—
who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion,
who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

Psalm 103:2-5

Key Truth

Don't forget all His benefits. Don't overlook His many blessings in your life — the ways He is drawing near, protecting you, and helping you. We often run to every human solution or source of fulfillment and fail to notice all the many ways He is taking care of us.

Give us aid against the enemy, for human help is worthless.

Psalm 60:11

I was assured that my faith rested not on feelings, not on moments of ecstasy, but on
the Person of my matchless, changeless Savior, in Whom is no shadow caused by

turning. In a measure I felt I understood what Job meant when he declared, “Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him” (13:15). Job knew that he could trust God because Job knew the character of the One in Whom he had put his trust. It was faith stripped of feelings, faith without trappings. More than ever before, I knew that I could ever and always put my trust, my faith, in my glorious Lord.

Darlene Diebler, *Evidence Not Seen*

#2 BE EMPTIED TO BE FILLED

Key Truth

Rather than complaining that He feels distant or wondering whether He really desires to fill us with His love and power, let’s instead ask whether we have truly emptied ourselves — laid everything of “self” on the altar — so that we are ready to be filled with all that He is.

There is no need to plead that the love of God shall fill our heart as though He were unwilling to fill us: He is willing as light is willing to flood a room that is opened to its brightness; willing as water is willing to flow into an *emptied channel*. Love is pressing round us on all sides like air. Cease to resist, and instantly love takes possession.

Amy Carmichael

Before there can be fullness there must be emptiness. Before God can fill us with Himself, we must first be *emptied of ourselves*.

A.W. Tozer

Being filled with the Spirit is simply this — having my whole nature yielded to His power. When the whole soul is yielded to the Holy Spirit, God Himself will fill it. The highest glory of the creature is in being only a vessel, to receive and enjoy and show forth the glory of God.

Andrew Murray

He must increase, but I must decrease.

John 3:30

SAYING “NO” TO SELF

Are we going in the way Christ has gone, or are we only talking and praying and singing about it? What about likes and dislikes? What about choices? What about self? Christ’s way is the way that says “no” to the “I” that rises up so often and in its many different disguises. If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself (say “no” to himself), and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

Amy Carmichael

#3 MAKE HIM YOUR ALL IN ALL

Key Truth

Questions such as, “How am I unique?” and “What kind of life will most satisfy me?” and “What is my unique personality suited for?” often become the focal point of our daily choices and life decisions. But there is no greater fulfillment or purpose we can find than knowing our King and being shaped into His likeness. *This is the Christian’s true destiny.* All personal pursuits and achievements are worthless in light of this great privilege.

***It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher,
and a servant like his master.***

Matthew 10:25

Key Question

Is it **enough** for us to be like Jesus? Think for a moment about all that He is. What greater pursuit or privilege could we ever aspire to than to become like *Him*, even in the smallest measure? Why would we seek satisfaction in any other pursuit or desire?

***For He satisfies the longing soul,
and fills the hungry soul with goodness.***

Psalms 107:9

...the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 1:23

Key Truth

“All in all” in this verse means: *all, any, every, the whole, thoroughly, in all ways, and at all times*. When Jesus is our everything, we lack absolutely nothing.

True godliness leaves the world convinced beyond a shadow of a doubt, that the only explanation for you, is Jesus Christ, to whose eternally unchanging and altogether adequate “I AM!” your heart has learned to say with unshatterable faith, “Thou art!”

Ian Thomas

He made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Philippians 2:7–8

Key Truth

He gives all. He asks all. Isn't He worthy of our all?

**He is worthy to have all there is to be had
in the heart that He has died to win.**

Lilias Trotter

Key Truth

If you are feeling distant from Christ, or spiritually dry — ask Him to show you whether you have a surrendered heart or not. Is there anything you are clinging to outside of Him, anything that is keeping you from fully clinging to Him as the Vine? Does He have your *whole, undivided* heart?

Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.

Corrie ten Boom

Jesus is...

My Provider (Genesis 22:14)
My Peacemaker (Genesis 49:10)
The Lord Who Heals (Exodus 15:26)
The Lord My Banner, the Lord My Miracle (Exodus 17:15)
The Lord Who Sanctifies, the Lord Who Makes Holy (Exodus 31:13)

Jesus is...

The Rock of My Salvation (2 Samuel 22:47)
The Light of the Morning When the Sun Rises, A Morning Without Clouds (2 Samuel 23:4)
My Rock and My Redeemer (Psalm 19:14)
The Lord My Shepherd (Psalm 23:1)
My Strong Rock (Psalm 31:2)

Jesus is...

My Rock and My Fortress (Psalm 31:3)
The Rock That is Higher than I (Psalm 61:2)
The Rock of My Strength (Psalm 62:7)
As Rain upon the Mown Grass, As Showers That Water the Earth (Psalm 72:6)
The Rock of My Heart (Psalm 73:26)

Jesus is...

My Shield (Psalm 84:9)
The Rock of My Refuge (Psalm 94:22)
A Stone of Grace (Proverbs 17:8)
A Friend Who Loves at All Times (Proverbs 17:17)
A Friend Who Sticks Closer than a Brother (Proverbs 18:24)

Jesus is...

As Ointment Poured Forth (Song of Solomon 1:3)
My Well-Beloved (Song of Solomon 1:13)
My Beloved and My Friend (Song of Solomon 5:16)
The Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6)
A Strength to the Poor (Isaiah 25:4)

Jesus is...

A Strength to the Needy in Distress (Isaiah 25:4)
A Shadow from the Heat (Isaiah 25:4)
A Refuge from the Storm (Isaiah 25:4)
A Crown of Glory and Beauty (Isaiah 28:5)
A Sure Foundation (Isaiah 28:16)

Jesus is...

A Covert from the Tempest (Isaiah 32:2)
As Rivers of Water in a Dry Place (Isaiah 32:2)
As the Shadow of a Great Rock in a Weary Land (Isaiah 32:2)
As a Hiding Place from the Wind (Isaiah 32:2)
My Leader (Isaiah 40:11)

Jesus is...

My Elect, in Whom My Soul Delights (Isaiah 42:1)
My Portion (Psalm 73:26)
My Maker, My Husband (Isaiah 54:5)
My Physician (Jeremiah 8:22)
The Lord Our Righteousness (Jeremiah 23:6)

Jesus is...

My Resting-Place (Jeremiah 50:6)
My Feeder (Ezekiel 34:23)
The Lord Who is There (Ezekiel 48:35)
My Refiner's Fire (Malachi 3:2)
My Fuller's Soap (Malachi 3:2)

Jesus is...

My Refiner (Malachi 3:3)
My Purifier (Malachi 3:3)
The Sun of Righteousness (Malachi 4:2)
Immanuel, God with Us (Matthew 1:23)
The Bridegroom (Matthew 9:15)

Jesus is...

God My Savior (Luke 1:47)

The Dayspring from on High (Luke 1:78)

My Healer (Luke 9:11)

The Christ of God (Luke 9:20)

My Servant (Luke 12:37)

Jesus is...

The Chosen of God (Luke 23:35)

Risen (Luke 24:6)

The Word (John 1:1)

The Word That Was with God (John 1:1)

The Word That Was God (John 1:1)

Jesus is...

The Light of Men (John 1:4)

The True Light (John 1:9)

The Word Who Was Made Flesh (John 1:14)

The Lamb of God (John 1:29)

My Teacher (John 3:2)

Jesus is...

The Messiah (John 4:25)

The Bread of God (John 6:33)

The Bread of Life (John 6:35)

My Meat (John 6:55)

My Drink (John 6:55)

Jesus is...

The Light of the World (John 8:12)

The Door of the Sheep (John 10:7)

The Good Shepherd Who Laid Down His Life (John 10:11)

The Sent of the Father (John 10:36)

My Lord, Master (John 13:13)

Jesus is...

My Example (John 13:15)

The Way (John 14:6)
The Truth (John 14:6)
The Life (John 14:6)
The Vine (John 15:5)

Jesus is...

My Keeper (John 17:12)
The Holy One and the Just (Acts 3:14)
The Prince of Life (Acts 3:15)
Anointed (Psalm 2:2, Acts 4:27)
A Prince and a Savior (Acts 5:31)

Jesus is...

The Mercy Seat (Romans 3:25)
Lord Over All (Romans 10:12)
The Deliverer (Romans 11:26)
My Wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:30)
My Righteousness (1 Corinthians 1:30)

Jesus is...

My Sanctification (1 Corinthians 1:30)
My Redemption (1 Corinthians 1:30)
My Passover (1 Corinthians 5:7)
My Spiritual Rock (1 Corinthians 10:4)
My Quickening Spirit (1 Corinthians 15:45)

Jesus is...

The Image of God (2 Corinthians 4:4)
My Unspeakable Gift (2 Corinthians 9:15)
The Head Over All Things to the Church (Ephesians 1:22)
He Who Fills All in All (Ephesians 1:23)
My Peace (Ephesians 2:14)

Jesus is...

My Offering (Ephesians 5:2)
My Sacrifice (Ephesians 5:2)
My Servant (Philippians 2:7)
My All in All (Colossians 3:11)
Lord of Peace (2 Thessalonians 3:16)

Jesus is...

My Hope (1 Timothy 1:1)
The Mediator (1 Timothy 2:5)
The Righteous Judge (2 Timothy 4:8)
Our Great God and our Savior, Jesus Christ (Titus 2:13)
The Brightness of His Glory (Hebrews 1:3)

Jesus is...

The Express Image of His Person (Hebrews 1:3)
The Upholder of All Things (Hebrews 1:3)
The Captain of Salvation (Hebrews 2:10)
The Merciful (Hebrews 2:17)
The Faithful (Hebrews 2:17)

Jesus is...

The Perfect (Hebrews 5:9)
The King of Righteousness (Hebrews 7:2)
The King of Peace (Hebrews 7:2)
Holy, Harmless (Hebrews 7:26)
Undefiled (Hebrews 7:26)

Jesus is...

The Separate (Hebrews 7:26)
The Author and Finisher of Our Faith (Hebrews 12:2)
My Helper (Hebrews 13:6)
The Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever (Hebrews 13:8)
The Shepherd of the Sheep (Hebrews 13:20)

Jesus is...

A Lamb Without Blemish and Without Spot (1 Peter 1:19)

A Living Stone (1 Peter 2:4)

A Chief Cornerstone (1 Peter 2:6)

A Precious Stone (1 Peter 2:6)

Guileless (1 Peter 2:22)

Jesus is...

Reviled (1 Peter 2:23)

The Chief Shepherd Who Shall Again Appear (1 Peter 5:4)

The Daystar (2 Peter 1:19)

My Savior (2 Peter 3:18)

The Word of Life (1 John 1:1)

Jesus is...

The Life (1 John 1:2)

Jesus Christ the Righteous (1 John 2:1)

The Advocate (1 John 2:1)

The Savior of the World (1 John 4:14)

The True God (1 John 5:20)

Jesus is...

The Prince of the Kings of the Earth (Revelation 1:5)

The Almighty — Who Is, and Who Was, and Who is to Come (Revelation 1:8)

The Beginning and the Ending (Revelation 1:8)

The Alpha and the Omega (Revelation 1:8)

The First and the Last (Revelation 1:17)

Jesus is...

He That Lives (Revelation 1:18)

The Tree of Life (Revelation 2:7)

The Hidden Manna (Revelation 2:17)

The Faithful and True Witness (Revelation 3:14)

The Beginning of the Creation of God (Revelation 3:14)

Jesus is...

The Lion of the Tribe of Judah (Revelation 5:5)
The Lamb That was Slain (Revelation 5:12, 13:8)
The Lamb in the Midst of the Throne (Revelation 7:17)
The King of Saints, King of Nations (Revelation 15:3)
Lord of Lords (Revelation 17:14)

Jesus is...

Faithful and True (Revelation 19:11)
Crowned with Many Crowns (Revelation 19:12)
The Word of God (Revelation 19:13)
The King of Kings (Revelation 19:16)
The Temple (Revelation 21:22)
The Bright and Morning Star (Revelation 22:16)