

# Col - (1) Jesus Our Savior - God Our Heavenly Father

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*Zac Poonen's sermon emphasizes the importance of understanding God as our Father and living a life that honors His name through genuine prayer and discipleship.*

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## Description

Zac Poonen emphasizes the significance of understanding God as our Heavenly Father and the implications of living under His authority. He draws parallels between the history of Israel and the modern Christian experience, warning against idolatry and the dangers of allowing anything other than God to rule our lives. Poonen highlights the importance of prayer as a sincere expression of our deepest desires, urging believers to honor God's name in their lives. He explains that the Gospel is about God saving His people from their sins, not just forgiving them, and stresses the need for Christians to live in a way that reflects their identity in Christ. Ultimately, he calls for a genuine relationship with God that transcends mere knowledge and leads to a life that glorifies His name.

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## Transcript

So this is an unexpected pleasure to meet all of you. I'm very lucky to be here in this galaxy. What is on my heart is, first of all, a passage from Isaiah 52.

If you read in the Old Testament, the history of Israel is very... it's got many lessons for us as Christians, because as I've observed Christians and Christianity, they follow the same path that Israel has gone in the Old Testament. If you've heard my messages on the internet or something, you know that I preach a lot about the Old Covenant was abolished because the books of the Old Testament are not abolished. In fact, it's improper to call it the Old Testament because I don't know who says that it's the Old Testament and who says it's the New Testament.

The Bible is 66 books and all of it is ours. But the Old Covenant has been abolished. We live in a new covenant made by Jesus.

But those first 39 books in the history of Israel have got a tremendous value to teach us. There's a saying that history teaches us... that history teaches us knowledge. I don't really understand the meaning of that.

It means that we don't learn from history. And if Christians want to learn, go to the Old Testament and read the history of Israel and see how they dishonored the Lord. We can learn from that.

And it's been a great education for me to read the Old Testament, to see the burden of God's heart to the prophets. What do you read the Bible for? For knowledge? The Bible won't kill you. I've often said, this book can be the tree of knowledge to put an evil to you or the tree of life.

Same book. Depends on how you approach it. Just like the two trees in gardening.

I can read this and get the knowledge of good and evil and say I'm living by the principles of the Bible and you can be as dead as a horse. But the same book can be life. The Bible says that the letter kills.

The letter of the Bible kills. It killed the Pharisees. They studied the Bible and it killed them.

And people like Peter who were not such great scholars, they got life through the Holy Spirit. So it all depends on how you approach it. You can approach it for knowledge.

More and more, I am some to approach this book with reverence because I believe it's the only book that God ever wrote for a man. And that's where I disagree with a lot of Christians who say this book, you must be studying it more than any other book in the world. I'm a Christian, I'm nearly 20 years old.

I began to study the book. Finally, in about 7 years, in about 7 years I mastered it. This is wonderful.

So now that I read it, particularly these prophets, which some of you think are boring, I say, Lord, I want to look into your heart. That's what I want to see when I read the Bible. I read the Bible to look into the heart of God to see what he is thinking about his people, whether it's Israel or the church.

I read Revelation chapter 2 and chapter 3 and the Lord's messages to the 7 churches and I see the heart of God. I read the Old Testament prophets and I look into the heart of God, his word. Because God hasn't changed.

His race, the way he deals with man has changed from Old Covenant to New Covenant, but he has never changed. He's always eternally the same. His nature has never changed.

People who know God will say that. People who don't know God will read the Bible and think that God was very strict in the Old Testament and suddenly became lenient in the New Testament. So let's turn to Isaiah 52.

In Isaiah 52, the Lord reminds them in verse 4 that they were first slaves of Egypt. And then now, in the time of Isaiah, the nation of Israel, by the time Israel had been split into two nations, the northern nation of Israel was being oppressed by the Assyrians. First the Egyptians, then the Assyrians, verse Isaiah 52, verse 4. And it says here in the last part of verse 5, those who rule over them, whether it's the Egyptians or the Assyrians, they rejoice because God's people are being ruled by them.

The Egyptians rejoiced because Israel was their slaves. And the Assyrians rejoiced that they could rule over Israel and later on the Babylonians rejoiced. And this is the place I want you to look at.

And what is the result? The result, the Lord says, my name is continually blasphemed all day. God's people, oppressed by the enemy, the power of the enemy, whether Egyptians or Assyrians or Satan or the world, when they are ruled by money or by sin, doesn't matter which the master is. The master can be Egyptians or Assyrians, Babylonians, sin, money, world, anything.

Any power that rules over God's people, the result is God's name is blasphemed. I wonder, let me say it in one sentence, if you allow any power other than God Almighty to rule your life, that's why God hated idolatry, that's why he condemned idolatry like more than anything else through the prophets. And idolatry is basically giving something other than God first place in my life.

Allowing something other than the Lord Jesus to rule my life. If you allow lust to rule your life, it's idolatry. A lot of young people worship pretty women more than they worship God.

They call themselves Christians. And a lot of men and women worship money more than Jesus does. They worship their lusts.

But they can glory in the fact that their doctrine is more in line with the Bible than the doctrine of other Christians who they say, well they are liberal or they are nominal. But the name of God is blasphemed, sin. And the more right your doctrine is, the greater the hypocrite you are.

Christ is not absolute Lord in your life. I'm not just saying that to you. I preach the same message in my home church in Bangalore where I've been a nether for 36 years.

I've said to them, brothers and sisters, by the grace of God, God has given us understanding of the truth of Scripture. We're not boasting, but perhaps more than anyone else in India. Of the inner truths, of the great truths of Scripture.

And therefore I said, we are in danger of having the biggest hypocrites in India in our midst. More than any other church. That worldly godless church won't have as many hypocrites because they don't claim much.

We, I was speaking to our church back home, we claim that we know so much, we know the truth better than anybody else. Boy, then we've got to live up to it. Otherwise, my name is continually blasphemed.

We need to understand that. That's why when the disciple of Jesus once said, Lord, teach us to pray. Now, you know, there are lots and lots of books on prayer.

You know that. There are what are so-called mighty men of prayer. But when I say, when the disciple of Jesus said, teach us to pray.

He said, I want you to pray like this. Our Father who art in heaven, number one request, hallowed be that name which is being blasphemed like we read here. All day long, because other gods are ruling over my people, I want that name to be hallowed, to be honored, to be considered holy.

Like one hymn says, prayer is the soul's sincere desire, uttered or unexpressed. That means whether you say it or don't say it. Prayer is the deepest desire of your heart.

That's prayer. You know, when we pray in public, we say a lot of things, and even sometimes when we pray in private, you know, we say a lot of spiritual things. But the real prayer, the real prayer that each of you and I are praying is the innermost desire of our heart.

What is the deepest longing in your heart? That is your prayer, whatever you may say in your mouth. And that's the thing God's listening to. The Bible says, delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.

The desires of your heart, that is your prayer. So, most Christians, when they pray, are really hypocrites. They're not really expressing the desire of their heart because it would sound pretty carnal if they expressed the deepest desire of their heart.

So, we all know each other as spiritual, so we all pray spiritual prayers. But God listens to the heart. The things we dream about at night, the things of my subconscious.

You know, there's one part of me that I cannot fool. I can fool other people. You may even be able to fool your wife and your children and a lot of other believers will fool your subconscious.

Deep down within, your inner consciousness knows what you really desire. You can't fool that. Because that subconscious knows what your deepest longing is.

That doesn't listen to the words of your mouth. It listens to the longings. For example, man, his greatest longing in life is to make more money.

But he won't say that. It sounds pretty carnal. Or, it may be something else like that.

Some longing. The subconscious is not fooled. And so the subconscious takes over when we go to sleep.

Our conscious mind is asleep. And the subconscious takes over and feeds our mind with dreams related to what is our deepest desire. I'll tell you that.

Tell me what you dream about. Believe it or not, we're fooling ourselves because we think we're spiritual. A lot of people think they're spiritual.

They say a lot of nice things and pray and look very spiritual and glorify the Lord. Or like me, stand up and preach. It's easy.

You get a reputation. So prayer is a soul's sincere desire. Utter or unexpressed.

The deepest desire of our heart, Jesus said, should be Father in heaven, I've got a lot of aches and pains in my life and that can wait. I don't have a job, but that can also wait. I don't have much money, and that doesn't bother me so much, but how be your name? That is a spiritual man.

See, I grew up in a Christian home, but I was not very Christian until I was 19 and a half, nearly 20. That's when I really became a Christian and I knew Jesus as my Savior and my Lord. But in all those years before, I never committed adultery, or robbed a bank, murdered anyone, or did any of these gross sins.

My parents taught me to read the Bible. Every Sunday I'd go to church. I never got out of bed.

I was taught that from childhood, never to get out of bed without praying. And I would pray on my knees. As a little child, I would kneel down.

I didn't know how to pray, but I would just get up. But when I became a Christian, and God filled me with the Holy Spirit, I began to look at that and I discovered anyone who can pray that prayer from his heart is truly a spiritual man. I realized that for so many years.

What is a spiritual man? A spiritual man is, first of all, one who knows God as his Father. Not as Jehovah, Almighty God. Father, Daddy.

One who knows Almighty God as his own Daddy. Not a grandfather who just allows me to do whatever I like. One who loves, cares, and is strict.

And who knows God as a Father in Heaven. Who rules the universe. Which means a Father who can solve any problem, who can take care of any difficulty, and meet any need.

Almighty, capable of solving every problem, and helping me in anything I have in my life, any need I have. I don't have to go to any man if I have this Father. He may use men to help me, but He will move them to help me.

I don't have to depend on men. It's a wonderful thing to be a true Christian, a truly spiritual Christian, who knows God as his Dad, and a Dad who rules the universe. You know, our Father in Heaven is somewhat like saying, My Dad, who you rule the universe, I'm talking to you.

Jesus said, stop there. If you don't know him as your Dad, you don't know him as the one who can handle everything in the universe, you can't even begin to pray. You can't even begin.

It's the basis for faith. You know, when Jesus said, when you pray, say, our Father in Heaven, He was trying to say, listen, you need a foundation for your prayer. There's a foundation of faith.

And that faith can come only if you believe you've got a Dad up in Heaven, not some CEO of the universe whom I cannot access. But my Dad, and secondly, you must know him as the one who runs this universe, this universe in which this planet Earth is like a planet Earth, like a grain of sand. And on this grain of sand, on this grain of sand are these teeny, teeny specks, which you can see through a microscope, you and me.

And we live here on this grain of sand. And we think there's a problem that this one who runs the universe can't solve. You know what I mean? I mean it is to think that that problem you have is my Father, my Dad, who's in Heaven.

You know how restful our life could be if we just started with that first sentence in prayer? I told you I repeated it, but my life was full of sin, anxiety, fear, everything in all kinds of Christian life. Even after I was born again, I was defeated, defeated, for years and years and years and years and years. I was defeated as a preacher, I was defeated.

I was a perfect hypocrite, I could stand in the pulpit till I got fed up of it a lot. I wanted to have a life described in the New Testament. And that's when I began to realize that I needed to know.

And that's what changed my life. Once I moved with my Dad in Heaven, I'm not seeing him, Lord, heal this sickness, or give me a little more money, or give me a better house, or a car. No, I'm asking for these things.

If I'm a spiritual, I say, Lord, my number one request, deep down in my heart, and my subconscious testifies to that. First of all, in my life, and in my home, in my work and in my office, let me honor your name by the way I live. And if I have a church, let your name be honored.

Why? Because, like it says here, my name is continually blasphemed, the Lord said, everywhere, everywhere the name of God is blasphemed. And that's why the Lord said, I'm going to do something to solve this problem. And that solution comes through what we call the Gospel.

Do you know that the Gospel is to solve this problem? Which problem? That the name of God is blasphemed by these people. Do you know the first promise in the New Testament? Let me turn you to that before I come back to that. The first promise in the New Testament.

Matthew 1, 21. It's good for you to know. It's good for you to know the meaning.

Because we are taught when we pray, pray in the name of Jesus. And there's a lot to that. You need to understand the meaning and the name of Jesus.

The angel told Joseph, Mary would bear a son, and you would call his name Jesus. Why? Why should you call him Jesus? Because, because, because, because He will save His people not in their sins, but from their sins. Not He will forgive them their sins.

We all understand that. That's the meaning in the Old Testament. He will save them from their sins.

Nobody could be saved from their sins in the Old Testament. They could only be forgiven. One thousand years before Christ came.

David would say, Who forgives all your iniquities. Psalm 103. And Christ hasn't come? Who heals all your diseases? Really? And Christ hasn't come yet? But what was it that David could not get? He could not say, Bless the Lord, O my soul, who saved me from all my sins.

He couldn't say, Cover it up by murdering her husband. I often thought, this is the gospel, right? He will save His people from their sins. And in those days, His people was Israel.

Israel need to be saved from their sins. Today, it's the Christians. The message to Christians is, Do you know the meaning of the name Jesus? He will save His people.

Are you one of His people? Here is a promise. He will save His people from their sins. Not He will save those godless sinners from their sins.

Those godless sinners need to have their sins forgiven. He will do that. But after they are forgiven, they become His people, and they are in sin.

The name of Jesus means He will save His people from their sins. So what does that mean in practical terms? You know me, I'm taught to pray in the name of Jesus. So when I come to the Lord and ask for anything, when I ask Him, we can ask for earthly things, sure, Jesus told us, the Christian must say, I believe we're healing.

We can ask for material necessities. Sure. But it's in the name of Jesus.

I can't come in my own name. This is just like non-Christians use a mantra, a sort of chant. The Hindus put a certain, you know, they use certain names and they think that it'll work.

Christians use it like that, you know. Jesus. We say we shouldn't use the Hindu, the Hindus use a word called Om.

They think that's the name. If you keep repeating it, that will solve your problem. Christians say Jesus, Jesus.

No, it's not like that. When I come in the name of Jesus with my Father, I'm saying, Father, I am now coming to you who has come to save me from all my sins. Try praying like that next time and bring more meaning to it.

I'm praying in the name of one who came to save me from all my sins. Jesus. That name, which is above every name in the universe, that name at which one day every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father, that name is being blasphemed.

My name is continually blasphemed. And you know that that verse, I recognize that verse too, is quoted in the New Testament, in Romans 2. Verse 22. Oh, that's not right.

Romans 2, 21. You teach another. Don't you teach yourself? You preach that you should not steal.

But do you cheat on your income tax? You who say nobody should commit adultery. Verse 22. Do you lust after women? Do you divorce and remarry? That's one adultery Give me another adultery.

You boast in the law, or today, in the Bible. It's blasphemed among the non-Christians. It's the same verse.

It applies to Israel then, it applies to Christians. This is all right into the Romans. About 30 years after the Day of Temperance.

The name of God is blasphemed. The name of Jesus. You know, as I've meditated on what we call ourselves, we call ourselves Christians.

We take the name of Christ. The first time the word Christian occurs in the Bible, the first time, is Acts 11, 26, where it says the disciples were first called Christians. In those days, it was the disciples who were called Christians.

Not anybody born into a Christian family. That's unfortunately how it is today. But the first time, it was those disciples.

What's a disciple? A disciple is a learner and a follower. Those who wanted to learn from Jesus and follow Jesus were called Christians. Today, any topic in heaven.

But it, you know, lost its value pretty quickly even as we went into the second generation. Christian is so devalued. It's like currency.

A lot of money. 100 or 150 years. I mean, imagine if the dollar had the value, if it had that same value.

Think of the word Christian. What does it mean? A Christian. I say I'm a Christian.

And I've thought about it. I'm taking the name of Christ to myself. Christ is a Greek word which means the anointed one.

That's the meaning. The Messiah. The anointed one.

And I'm taking that name and saying I'm also the anointed one. It's the same anointing that Jesus had. The same Holy Spirit.

That's me, a Christian. Or to use another example, my wife took my name, became Mrs. Zaktunin when she married me. She didn't have that name before.

She didn't have that name. But after she married me, she got my name. Now, question.

Could she dishonor the name of Zaktunin before she married me? Impossible. Impossible. But the moment she took my name, then she behaved in a bad way, she could dishonor my name.

Now apply that to Christ. When I take Christian, I'm saying I'm married to Christ in a very reverent way I could say. Christian means Mrs. Jesus Christ.

That's not blasphemy by the way. We are the bride of Jesus Christ. Romans 7 verse 4 says we are married to Mrs. Jesus Christ.

Are you Mrs. Jesus Christ? Are you behaving like the name of God is blasphemed? I say who is the one who can blaspheme? As I told you, my wife could never dishonor my name before she got my name. So in the world today, who are the ones who can dishonor the name of Jesus Christ? I tell you, no Muslim, no Hindu, no Buddhist can ever dishonor the name of Jesus Christ. Impossible.

Like I said, how could my wife dishonor my name before she took my name? Impossible. They don't take the name of Christ. Maybe they can dishonor the name of their God, but they can't dishonor the name of Christ.

Impossible. Whereas very often, people say oh look at these godless people dishonoring the name of Christ in America or Canada. They cannot dishonor the name of Christ.

It's those who claim to be married to Christ who are dishonoring his name. Who are the ones who claim to be married to Christ? Do you think that person is born in a nominal Christian family, growing up in a church that doesn't even priest a new birth? Do you even hear about being married to Christ? Which churches do you think you hear about being the bride of Christ? You don't hear about it in 90% of Christians. It's the churches that preach about being born again.

They say we are the bride of Christ. We are married to Christ. Really? Good.

Then you've got to be careful about that name. It may never be said about us the name of God. It's blasphemed.

Tremendous challenge. I don't know if you take it seriously. I have confessed it for 16 years in my Christian life.

Major part of it was first 16 years in my Christian life. I didn't take it seriously. I did take it right at the beginning.

But you know what happens? There's a proverb in the world that says familiarity breeds contempt. That means the more familiar you become with a person you don't treat that person with the same respect that you had at the beginning. You see that very often in married couples.

You see how they treat each other with a lot of respect when they're dating or in their honeymoon and all. They're very careful how they speak but you don't see that even one year later. Or five years later.

It's not the same respect. It's not familiar. I remember one wife saying to her husband if you will speak to me just in the same tone of voice you speak to strangers and knock at the door that will be enough.

A stranger comes to the door why don't you speak to that person? It's not the way you speak to your wife and husband, right? Familiarity has produced contempt. The same thing happens with people who say I'm born again. I look like a Christ in the beginning.

I really believe the person who was really born again right at the beginning there's such love for Christ and devotion. Then there will appear a kind of familiarity prayer becomes a ritual in the beginning it was really meaningful becomes a ritual we took sincerity in the beginning but not so seriously seven years later and I tell you most Christians will admit they're honest unless they are just like really loved one another when they got married but sort of cooled off as time went on.

So the name of God is blessing familiarity and brought contempt and we become familiar with Jesus and over a period of time I found myself also the same way inwardly backsliding to a creature telling me wonderful things it can happen to anybody and I'll tell you the thing that turned me on was when I got fed up of that life and said Lord I don't want to live this life anymore I don't want to live like this If God does something to me I ask you only for one thing I don't want to be a great preacher or anything I ask you for one thing in my life that my inner life will correspond with my outer life that I'll never see what's not true in my life that my life will burst with rest and joy that nothing in my life must dishonor that wonderful name of Jesus and confess Lord I have dishonored your

name it's not just what other people can see we can guard ourselves I was telling somebody the other day somebody who had fallen into obvious sin and had lost his reputation because other people knew suppose he has fallen to some sin like adultery his reputation is gone shattered and I was telling this person do you know that something far more serious than the loss of your name and all your friends is what the devil is telling God about you God look at this guy there you say he's your child God is he your child? see how he's living see what he does in the secret the name of God is blasphemed there in heaven do you know that God and Satan have conversations about his people on earth I don't think you know that the first book of the 66 books in the Bible is the book of Job it was written

long before Genesis, Genesis was written by Moses and Job was the first book in the Bible it's the only book in the Bible there's no mention of Abraham the only book among the 66 because he lived before that time so when God decided to write a book for man the very first paragraph of the very first book he's writing for man is about the conversation that happens God and Satan having a conversation about those who take his name on the earth and if I were to expand those first few verses of Job chapter 1 it's Satan saying God look at all these hypocrites on earth they take your name and look how they live and God says ah, have you seen Job he's not like the others he's not like, I mean the devil could have probably pointed out Eliphaz and Bildad Zophar those other preachers you know God

look at Eliphaz, Bildad, they know such a lot of the Bible but look at their lives but God says yes, those preachers are hypocrites and that conversation goes on even today the devil says God is looking for whom he can point out to Satan and say ah, but have you seen this one and God says look at his family, these people call themselves Christians God look at these people who say they're Christians, they've divorced and remarried and all types of things the children don't even know who's their God and who's

their mother and they call them and say your name God says ah but have you seen this one and the devil says churches look at all these churches, look at the sandwiches they have in these churches God says ah but look at this church do you know that that's what God's looking for he's

not looking for huge mega churches you think God's impressed by numbers I see in scripture whenever Jesus encountered a Montague he spoke some of the hardest words to them you read in Matthew chapter 5 seeing the Montague he went up to a mountain and spoke to his disciples but the Montague heard what he was saying because at the end of chapter 7 you read that Montague was amazed at what he said and those were some of the hardest words in the entire New Testament Matthew 5, verse 67 you read in Luke 14 verse 24, 25 onwards great Montague came to Jesus and he turned around and said to them you've got to hate your father, mother, brother, sister, wife, children you've got to take up the cross and follow me, you've got to forsake all that you have done that you've gone to be my disciples

those were some of the hardest words ever found in the gospels you read in John chapter 6 again a huge Montague came to Jesus and he spoke to them words like you've already eaten my flesh and drink my blood in other words, identify with me my death and he said most of the disciples left and went that was Jesus' attitude to the Montagues so different from preachers today who will never speak hard words to the Montague because some people may go away, we will lose their offering Jesus never cared about offerings he never cared about numbers the two things that modern Christians and churches are concerned about numbers and offerings, Jesus was never concerned about he was concerned about quality that the name of the Father should be glorified Isaiah 52, let's turn back there you're missing

something when you don't read these Old Testament prophets I told you the gospel was meant to provide a solution to this dishonored God's name, I'll show you that Isaiah 52 verse 5, last part my name is continually blasphemed all day long we saw that but my people shall know my name and in that day, verse 6 I am the one who is speaking here I am and how is God speaking here it is, the word gospel how lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings the gospel the good news this verse is quoted in Romans chapter 10 concerning those who preach the gospel and thank Jesus and who bring good news of happiness who announces salvation he shall save his people from their sins and says to them your God reigns that is the gospel the gospel is not your sins the gospel is your God reigns

anything less than that is not the gospel breathe in here and you are watching me lift up their voices they shall join me together and how is it all going to happen it's going to be it's going to happen like this it's going to happen God says through my servant verse 13, this is how this wonderful thing is going to happen, my servant his form will be marred verse 14, disfigured more than any human being and you will see chapter divisions and other chapter divisions to whom is the honor of being redeemed a great chapter of the cross it comes from here, this is where it begins my name is blasphemed but someone's coming with good tidings, how beautiful are the feet of those who proclaiming these good tidings your gospel, your God is going to reign and who's going to believe that different

from your God your God reigns this face is going to be disfigured this appearance that is more disfigured than that of any human being is going to be the face of a king he has, verse chapter division he has no stately form or majesty nor appearance that we should be attracted to him he was despised and forsaken of men who can believe that this is the way of salvation who can believe it today this is the way the name of God is going to be hallowed when Jesus, before he entered the cross you know that wonderful prayer that he prayed in John 17 in John's gospel chapter 17 I don't know whether you notice this he says in verse 4 I have no appointed thee on the earth by completing the work which you believe me to do let us

stop for a moment all of us can say I want to glorify God on the earth

the only way you can fully glorify God on the earth even though I did not know the secret of overcoming sin till I was 36 years old 16 years after I was born again but there was something I knew even when I was 21 I don't know the year I got baptized in water the Lord showed me one thing that he had asked I was married and I said Lord I want to marry the one you chose I want to do the work you chose for me I have no ambition on earth but to do your will, that's all I have no ambition to make money no ambition to get a name no ambition to be a great preacher I want to finish the work you planned for me from eternity that I should do that's why you sent me here, that's why you allowed me to be born here you had a purpose you chose my family, you chose the place where I should be born

because you had a plan for me to fulfill and if I am devoted to do your will I know one thing that I am immortal until that work is done I cannot die so I am glorified here on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do and I said Lord I want to finish the work you gave me to do before I leave it's absolutely unimportant how healthy I was or how wealthy I became I want to finish the work God gave me to do I wish all of you would be gratified in this are you really Christian? do you believe God's got a plan for your life?

I'm not any more in such a favor to God than you are you're born again now what was the major part of that word you used here it is, verse 6 I manifested thy name by my life I manifested the name of the Father nobody knew him as Father, John 1 18, John 1 18, nobody seen God until Jesus came and explained him to us he explained God and said he's a Father in heaven I have manifested that name and he says verse 12 I kept these people in thy name how did he keep those 11 disciples in that name and he concludes that prayer in the last verse by saying I have made thy name known to them and will continue to make it known for 20 centuries more through my servants so that the love which you love me with will be in them that their hearts will be flooded with love for God so that they will not sin and their hearts will be flooded with love for one another he knows so much he says Lord I don't want this honor anymore whatever the Lord has spoken to you now is the day of salvation we can respond to that I want to respond to this particular area in my life I want to confess my sin I want to say to you this is my sincere desire

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