

Re-examining our words

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"And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. ⁶ But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. ⁷ And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.

⁸ "Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. Matt 6:5-8

God is love

- Finds expression in God himself- John 3:16
- Revealed in what he prepares here-after – 1 Cor 2:9
- Finds expression in man as fruit of spirit – Gal 5:22
- Manifest itself in love for fellow believers and enemies – John 15:12

God is good

- Emanates from God
- Evident in what He created – Ps 145:9
- Goodness intimately associated with His love
- Goodness seen in provision

God is holy

- "Qadosh" – set apart
- Inaccessible – only He can bridge gap
- Intimately connected to God
- Heb 12:14

Jesus as Word of God

- Logos – attests to self-introduction of subject to object
- Revelation of mystery of God's thoughts
- To know God – one must know Christ
- John 1:1-3

Jesus depicted in various concepts

- Jesus the Way – John 10:7-9
- Jesus the Truth
- Water of life
- Alpha & Omega
- Bright Morning Star
- Immanuel
- Lily of Valley

Christ as prophet, priest and king

- In Him word and deed came to us
- All true prophets have message in Him
- “Lord” “King” – testifies of his dominion and ownership of all things – Phil 2:9-11
- Priesthood – emanates from God