

For YOU Lord are good and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon YOU! –Ps. 86:5 YOU forgive all our iniquities...  
–Ps. 103:2. For YOU are Faithful & Just, to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness -1 Jn. 1:9. THANK YOU!

**Supplication:** Asking...

Father, cleanse me from secret faults! Keep back YOUR servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! -Ps. 19:12.

Father, two things I request of YOU –deprive me not before I die- remove falsehood and lies far from me; -give me neither poverty nor riches- feed me with the food allotted to me, lest I be full and deny YOU and say, WHO is the Lord? OR, lest I be poor and steal and profane the name of my God – Prov. 30:7,8.

Father, grant us, according to the riches of YOUR glory, to be strengthened with might though YOUR Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith, that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height –to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge, that we may be filled with all the fullness of YOU! To YOU be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever & ever -Amen–Eph. 3:16-19,21

Father, let YOUR work appear to YOUR servants and YOUR glory to their children, and let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands for us. Yes establish the work of our hands...  
–Ps. 90:16,17

Father, teach us the fear of the LORD –Ps. 34:11 that we may drink from its fountain –Prov. 14:27, that we may ascend into the hill of the Lord and walk with YOU! –Ps. 24:3



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**CALVARY BAPTIST**

**December Guide**

### Communication with God:

*God speaks to us through His word, and we speak to God through prayer.*

We were created by God -for God. Therefore our preeminent communication is to be with Him. People are second. God is our great priority. And in our communication with God –hearing from Him is always our first & foremost priority. Second is our need to “pour out our hearts before Him” –Ps. 62:8. That is how an intimate relationship with God plays out in the context of daily life -communication

However, good communication doesn’t just happen –it happens in the context of a right relationship with God. The quality of our relationship with God either helps or hinders our communication with God. How we live –interferes with us hearing Him -or Him hearing us.

For instance, sin disrupts communication FROM God and TO God. God speaks through His word. Sin hinders our ability to hear and understand God’s word...

“I brethren could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ”. Sin also gets in the way of God hearing our prayers -“your sins have hidden His face from you, so He will not hear you.” –Isa. 59:2. So if we are dabbling in sin, if we are living in sin... we must confess our sin quickly and allow Him to cleanse us from all unrighteousness –if we want to enjoy good communication with God.

Humility is also critical to good communication with God. “This is the one I esteem... he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and *trembles at My word*” –Isa. 66:2. Why would God reveal His intimate will to us if we are unwilling to walk in His way? Why should God show Himself strong on our behalf if we are trusting in the arm of the flesh, if we are leaning on our own understanding? Humility means I turn from self and embrace Him. It means I learn how bankrupt “in all things” I am. And in my communication with Him I confess...”apart from You I can do nothing!” –Jn. 15:5

There are numerous nuances to communication in a relationship with God but none of them are difficult nor tricky. He is very anxious for us to live wrapped up in a relationship with Him –and enjoy Him. We simply must be interested in delighting ourselves in Him -rather than in the world around us –Ps. 37:4.

## Adoration:

“O Lord, my God, You are very great; You are clothed with honor and majesty” -Ps. 104:2. “In YOU is my salvation and my glory, the rock of my strength, and my refuge is YOU” -Ps. 62:6. “How awesome are YOUR works through the greatness of YOUR power!” -Ps. 66:3. “**You saved us!** Not according to our works, but according to YOUR mercy!” -Titus 3:5. “YOU loved us, and demonstrated YOUR love for us, in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us! -Rom. 5:8. “You so loved the world, You sent Your Son into the world to save sinners -of whom I’m the chief!” -1 Tim. 1:15. Now to YOU the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to YOU who alone who are wise, be honor & glory forever & ever -AMEN

We celebrate Christmas but confess “great is the mystery of godliness... that God was manifested in the flesh! -1 Tim. 3:16. For when the fullness of time had come, YOU sent forth Your Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons!” -Gal. 4:4,5. That the Word who was in the beginning with YOU and is Himself God -Jn. 1:1, became flesh & dwelt among us -Jn. 1:14. YOU sent Him into the world as the Lamb who would take away the sin of the world -Jn. 1:29; He is the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world -Rev. 13:8, who being in the form of God, made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and came in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and become obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross” -Phil. 2:6-8. He Himself bore our sins in His own body on that tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness -by whose stripes we were healed! For we were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls! -1 Ptr. 2:24,25. It was YOU who did all this... for us!

YOU were pleased to lay the iniquity of us all on HIM -Isa. 53:6. For YOU were, in Christ, reconciling the world unto YOURSELF not counting their trespasses against them! YOU made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him -2 Cor. 5:19,21; For we were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from our worthless way of life but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot, who indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for us! -1 Ptr. 1:18-20. He came as THE High Priest of the good things to come, and it was His blood -not the blood of goats and calves- but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption! -Heb. 9:11,12. In Him we have redemption, through HIS BLOOD, the forgiveness of

sins, according to the riches of YOUR grace! -Eph. 1:7. **O Lord, how great are YOUR works!** -Ps. 92:5. I will triumph in the works of YOUR hands! -Ps. 92:4. For YOU are great, and do wondrous things; YOU alone are God! -Ps. 86:10.

## Confession & Thanksgiving:

“Oh that men would give thanks to YOU for YOUR goodness, and for YOUR wonderful works to the children of men!” -Ps. 107:8,15,21,31. “How precious is YOUR loving-kindness O God, therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of YOUR wings. They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of YOUR house and YOU give them drink from the river of YOUR good pleasures” -Ps. 36:7,8

O God, YOU know my foolishness, and my sins are not hidden from YOU. Let not those who seek YOU be confounded because of me! Let not those who wait for YOU, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed because of me! -Ps. 69:5,6. “For if you should mark iniquities -O LORD- who could stand? But there is forgiveness with YOU, that YOU may be feared” -Ps. 130:3,4.

We confess YOU have written for us the great things of YOUR law but they are considered a strange thing to us -Hosea 8:12. We confess YOU are near to us in our mouths but far from us in our minds -Jer. 12:2, that with our mouth we show YOU much love, but our hearts seek our own gain! -Ezk. 33:31. We confess we’ve turned aside to our own ways and followed other gods from among the gods of the people who are around us -Judges 2:12. We have set up idols in our hearts -silver, gold, and the work of our hands -Ps. 115:4. Our land is full of idols -we worship the work of our own hands -Isa. 2:8. We confess we are adulterers and adulteresses who desire a friendship with the world -rather than a friendship with YOU who saved us! -Jm. 4:4. That our desires for pleasure wage war in our members and draw us away, entice us, and give birth to sin in our lives -Jn. 4:1,1:14.

Have mercy on us, O God! According to YOUR loving-kindness, according to YOUR tender mercies wash us thoroughly from our sin. For we acknowledge our transgressions and our sin is always before us, against YOU and YOU only have we sinned! Purge us with hyssop and we shall be clean. Wash us and we shall be whiter than snow. Create in us a clean heart, O GOD, and renew a steadfast spirit within us! Restore to us the joy of YOUR salvation and uphold us by YOUR generous Spirit! -Ps. 51:1-3,7,10,12. O Lord open our lips, and our mouth shall show forth YOUR praise -Ps. 51:15. As a deer pants for the water brooks, so pants our soul for YOU, O God! -Ps.42:1.