

The Apostolic Prayer & Truth

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I praise thee Father, for thou art patient with me O Lord! Thou art gracious toward me; teach me in my error and in my ignorance that I might know thee better!¹ Father, let all the people of the earth know that the LORD is God, and that there is none else;² I pray thee, O LORD my God.³

Jesus Christ our Lord, whom we love, taught us that thou art the only true God!⁴ Thou lovest and hast brought forth our deliverance O God! Thy words, O Lord, whom we praise, explain not the workings of thine own existence. While we ponder these deep things of thee, we accept thy secret and unrevealed wisdom.⁵

For Christ Jesus came forth from everlasting, having joy in glorious fellowship with thee.⁶ Father, as the Son saith, I and my father are one.⁷ For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace, in accordance with the prophet.⁸ Unto whom thou hast said, “Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever.”⁹ Through thy Word all things were created — Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his substance, as declared in thy Word.¹⁰

Father, thou didst speak thy word through Jesus, the one whom we honour, who longed to gather thy people. For thy word is truth Oh Lord, and thy Holy Spirit, which proceedeth from thee, beareth witness with our spirit and guideth us into all truth.¹¹ Thy Spirit hath pricked our hearts unto salvation! ¹² Thou hast called us to baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.¹³

Father, thy mystery I gladly confess and accept, wherein every creature in heaven and in earth saith, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.¹⁴

Father I beseech thee, in thy mystery help me fail not, as king Saul; for in thy moment of silence his impatience offered strange fire which thou commandedst him not.¹⁵ Father, we ponder and consider thy truths and we delight in you. For the prophet dare not presume upon thy words,¹⁶ nor dare we put afflictions upon men concerning things yet unknown, lest we curse ourselves;¹⁷ Father help me, that I judge not lest I be judged,¹⁸ nor that our hearts proceed of evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, and blasphemies.¹⁹ For we know the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God.²⁰

Father, thou hast established the hidden things for men to find, and secret undiscoverable things for men simply to accept!²¹

Thank you, Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, for thy help in finding wisdom.²² As Paul the apostle, moved by the Holy Ghost, declared: And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: who^b was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.²³ My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Love thy neighbour as thyself.²⁴ Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.²⁵ Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.²⁶ Oh earth be blessed for thy God hath not forgotten thee!²⁷ Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD. Amen.²⁸

Footnotes – Earliest Witnesses Only

¹ Psalm 86:15; 103:8; 145:8; 2 Peter 3:9

² 1 Kings 8:60

³ Psalm 86:11

⁴ John 17:3

⁵ Deuteronomy 29:29

⁶ Micah 5:2; Proverbs 8:30; John 17:5,24

⁷ John 1:1,14; 10:30; 14:9–11

⁸ Isaiah 9:6 (MT / 1QIsa^a)

⁹ Psalm 45:6 → Hebrews 1:8

¹⁰ Hebrews 1:2–3; Colossians 1:16; John 1:3

¹¹ 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 Corinthians 12:11; John 16:13–15

¹² Acts 2:37

¹³ Matthew 28:19

¹⁴ Revelation 5:13

¹⁵ 1 Samuel 13:8–14

¹⁶ Jeremiah 23:18,21–22; Deuteronomy 18:20

¹⁷ Galatians 6:7–8; cf. Acts 5:1–11

¹⁸ Matthew 7:1

¹⁹ Matthew 15:19 // Mark 7:21–23

²⁰ 1 Corinthians 6:9–10

²¹ Deuteronomy 29:29

²² James 1:5; Colossians 1:9

²³ 1 Timothy 3:16 – earliest reading ὅς (“who”) in 8 A C F G 061 Peshitta, Sahidic/Bohairic Coptic, Old Latin

²⁴ Leviticus 19:18; Mark 12:31; 1 Corinthians 16:24 (combined apostolic command & benediction)

²⁵ Ephesians 6:23

²⁶ Ephesians 6:24

²⁷ Genesis 12:3, 22:18, 26:4, 28:14 // Psalm 115:12–15 // Isaiah 49:15 // Hebrews 13:5, note the repeated biblical motif of God “remembering” His people. // Acts 3:25

²⁸ Deuteronomy 6:4 // Mark 12:29

^a The spelling “Worshipping” (with double p) in the title and body of The Apostolic Prayer & Truth is the traditional British/Commonwealth English spelling, and it is also the form that has been standard in almost all historical English Bible translations and liturgical texts for the past 400–500 years.

^b See page 14 for complete reference details “God” (θεός), “who” ὅς