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Believing and loving Christ means that you should put no other person or thing before Him. You must have faith in Him, even though you don't see Him, because what is faith unless it is to believe in what you don't see. You must have confidence in Him and know that He is by your side at all times. The spirit of Christ is in all of us and the person who truly believes this has wisdom and happiness. If you have the peace of Christ within your heart you will not be afraid or troubled. Many great works are performed by our perseverance in our faith of Christ and by our own strength. Therefore all things are possible to us if we really believe and have faith in Christ. We must live our faith!

Christ would wish us to be honest and always to have good thoughts. The mind is everything. Your life is what your thoughts make it. What we think we become. If you have evil thoughts you will be evil. If you have good thoughts as Christ wishes you to have you will have the character of a noble person. The highest thing after Christ should be your honor. Honesty is also important. An honest man is the noblest work of Christ.

When you love Christ with all of your heart you have a feeling of being alive. You don't just exist day to day but really live life to the fullest – the way He meant us to do. With such a love in your heart you see beauty in everything that God was created. If you love Christ you have peace of mind and heart. You won't have to ask yourself "Who am I?" or "Where am I going?" as so many of us are doing today because you will know. You will live each day as it comes with courage and will face the future with anticipation.

Teaching the words of Christ to others is another way of making Christ more meaningful in my life and in the life of others. A great feeling of satisfaction and happiness is achieved by teaching His words to our Sunday School children.

If Christ is to become more meaningful in our lives we must develop the habit of daily prayer not only for ourselves, but for the health and safety of others and our departed loved ones. We must pray for a good heart and renewed strength to face daily problems always keeping in mind that He knows what is best for us. It is good to know we may call upon Him at any hour and find sympathy and assistance. We should make it a habit to talk to Christ when things don't go right and thank Him or contain deep thoughts or burning words. Prayer is something more. It is the wish of the heart and the expression of the soul.

Christ is a friend and can make life more meaningful to you and me. True happiness is within the reach of all of us. All we have to do is to live as Christ wants us to and have Him always at our side as our friend.