## Special Delivery

Before I placed the first star to glisten in the heavens...

I gave you twinkling eyes to see with your heart of faith.

Before I orchestrated the first sunrise to sweep away the night's darkness...

I was filled with joy seeing your one-of-a-kind smile.

Before I stretched the first rainbow across the rain soaked cloudy sky...

I marveled at the wonderful spirit I created within you and anticipated fulfilling all my promises in your life.

Before I designed the first bird to chirp its delightful song...

I wanted to hear you praise me wholeheartedly.

Before I allowed the first flower to miraculously grow...

I longed for you to blossom into a strong man of truth and grace.

Before I chose the moment when time would begin...

I gave my precious Son Jesus as the perfect sacrifice for you; so that you could know me, love me and live with me forever!



My son, I search you and know you. I know when you sit and when you rise; I perceive your thoughts from afar. I discern your going out and lying down; I am familiar with all your ways. Before a word is on your tongue I know it completely.

I hem you in—behind and before; I have laid my hand upon you. All the days ordained for you, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, were written in my book before one of them came to be. Even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. You can never escape my Spirit nor flee from my presence.

To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal? Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? I am he who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of my great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing. I am he who created the heavens; he who fashioned and made the earth. I did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited. I am the LORD, and there is no other.

## & LETTER FROM LORD GOD C3

For every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. I know every bird in the mountains, and the creatures of the field are mine. Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet I, the heavenly Father, feed them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

Why do you say, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and complain, "My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God"? Do you not know? Have you not heard? I am the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. I will not grow tired or weary, and my understanding no one can fathom. I am the LORD, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?

My son, I hope you can believe and proclaim, "Ah, Sovereign LORD, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for You."

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which they must be saved. If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord,"

and believe in your heart that I raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

And you, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing your inheritance until the redemption of those who are my possession—to the praise of my glory. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourself, it is my gift to you—not by works, so that no one can boast.

Once you were alienated from me and were an enemy in your mind because of your evil behavior. But now I have reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in my sight, without blemish and free from accusation. I have rescued you from the dominion of darkness and brought you into the kingdom of the Son I love, in whom you have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

My son, I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Remember \_\_\_\_\_\_: my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. I will keep you in perfect peace, whose mind is steadfast because you trust in me. Trust in me forever.

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to me, the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, my son, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace," said Jesus. "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your heart be troubled and do not be afraid."

For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even your faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the person who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

Come with me by yourself to a quiet place and get some rest. Be still, and know
that I am God. Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable
things you do not know. My beloved, Jesus promised, "Come
to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke
upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find
rest for your souls."
, my eyes range throughout the earth to strengthen
those whose hearts are fully committed to me. I am close to the brokenhearted and I
save those who are crushed in spirit. I am a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in
times of trouble. Those who know my name will trust in me, for I have never forsaken
those who seek me.
In addition, out of my glorious riches I will strengthen you with power through
my Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your heart through faith.
, I desire that you, being rooted and established in love, may
have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and

deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all my fullness.

Be strong and courageous, my son. Do not be afraid or terrified. I, the LORD your God, am with you. I will never leave you nor forsake you. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate you from my love in Christ Jesus.

Because you believe in Jesus, streams of living water will flow from within you.
, remain in him and he will remain in you. No branch can
bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you
remain in my Son. He is the vine; you are the branch. If you remain in Christ and he in
you, you will bear much fruit; apart from him you can do nothing.

You are my witness and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me. I, even I, am the LORD, and apart from me there is no savior.

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, my precious son, I am able to do immeasurably more
than all you ask or imagine, according to my power that is at work within you. What,
then, shall you say in response to this? If I am for you, who can be against you? I am
he who did not spare my own Son, but gave him up for you—how will I not also, along
with him, graciously give you all things?

Your faithful heavenly Father,

Lord God

P.S. Page 1 of this letter is based on concepts in the Bible. Pages 2-8 contain the following Bible passages: Jeremiah 1:5; Psalm 139 (verses 1-5,7,13-16); Matthew 10:30; Isaiah 40:25-28, 45:18; Psalm 50:10-11; Matthew 6:26; Jeremiah 32:27,17; John 3:16, 17:3; 1 John 5:12-13; Acts 4:12; Romans 10:9-10; Ephesians 1:13-14, 2:8-9; Colossians 1:21-22,13-14; Psalm 103:11-12; Romans 8:1-2; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Jeremiah 29:11-13; Isaiah 55:8-9, 26:3-4; Hebrews 5:7-9; 1 Peter 4:12-13; John 16:33, 14:27; 1 John 5:4-5; Mark 6:31; Psalm 46:10; Jeremiah 33:3; Matthew 11:28-29; 2 Chronicles 16:9; Psalm 34:18, 9:9-10; Ephesians 3:16-19; Deuteronomy 31:6; Romans 8:38-39; John 7:38, 15:4-5; Philippians 1:6, 4:19; Proverbs 3:5-6; Isaiah 43:10-11; Ephesians 3:20; Romans 8:31-32; Mark 10:27; John 20:27; Zephaniah 3:17; Jeremiah 31:3. Bible translation: New International Version; except for Proverbs 3:5-6 comes from New Living Translation.

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