

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor."

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – Father, save me from this hour? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." John 12:20-32

How can this happen - how will our Lord draw all people to himself?

Romans 10: 11 declares, scripture says, "no one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For," Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Our Lord Jesus spoke in Revelations 3:19-20 "I reprove and discipline those whom I love. Be earnest, therefore, and repent. Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me."

Lord, we come before you seeking your way – a way other than our own. We are listening and we hear your voice and we open the door to our hearts and we invite you to come in. We pray as the psalmist prayed in Psalm 51:1-2,15, "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise." Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. Amen

Practice: Find a brief quiet time in the morning to give thanks to the LORD for his steadfast love.
Find a brief quiet time in the evening to give thanks to the LORD for his faithfulness.
Connect this time to an established activity. Perhaps first thing in the morning and the last thing at night. Maybe have a sticky note to remind you.

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High, to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night. Psalm 92:1-2

