

Lord Jesus Christ my sole desire

Longings—For Knowledge of Christ

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Lord Jesus Christ my sole desire'. It consists of two staves of music in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the accompaniment is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the melody. The score includes 11 numbered verses. The first verse is: '1. Lord Je - sus Christ my sole de - sir - e, My heart is fixed, a - lone, on Thee. A - mong ten thou - sand Thou art peer - less; Chie - fest of all art Thou to me.' The second verse is: '2. Thy matchlessness and worth surpassing, Transcend all else exceedingly. Oh, how supreme and prepossessing, Is Thine unrivaled love to me.' The third verse is: '3. My life-long quest is just to know Thee Till more and more subjectively, I would arrive at the full knowledge, Of all the excellence of Thee.' The fourth verse is: '4. Since the first day that I beheld Thee I've longed to know Thee ever more My heart doth love Thee most supremely Thy preciousness, Lord, I adore.' The fifth verse is: '5. Lost in Thee, Lord, I gaze intently Drawn from all else to look away, Thou, Magnet of my soul, hast charmed me Far more today than yesterday.' The sixth verse is: '6. I'm captivated by Thy beauty, Incomp'able Thou art to me. Counting all things as loss and refuse, I'd pay the price of gaining Thee.' The seventh verse is: '7. My daily goal and aim—to win Thee, For this I press on desperately, Forgetting all that is behind me And stretching forward earnestly.' The eighth verse is: '8. Toward this goal I'm pressing onward That I may lay hold of the Prize, Gain me in full that I may gain Thee Thy peerlessness to realize.' The ninth verse is: '9. Not I alone; we in the Body Strive to delve into and explore The rich dimensions of Thy vastness, Thine endless wealth and treasure store.' The tenth verse is: '10. When Thou, our Christ, so all-inclusive, We apprehend, know, and possess Thine attributes divine, our virtues Will all Thy fullness thus express.' The eleventh verse is: '11. Thine excellency may we know, Lord, That Thou, Thy home in us, may make Till we arrive at Thy full knowledge And, of Thy riches full, partake.'

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