## 1 - Guitar Worship - 1

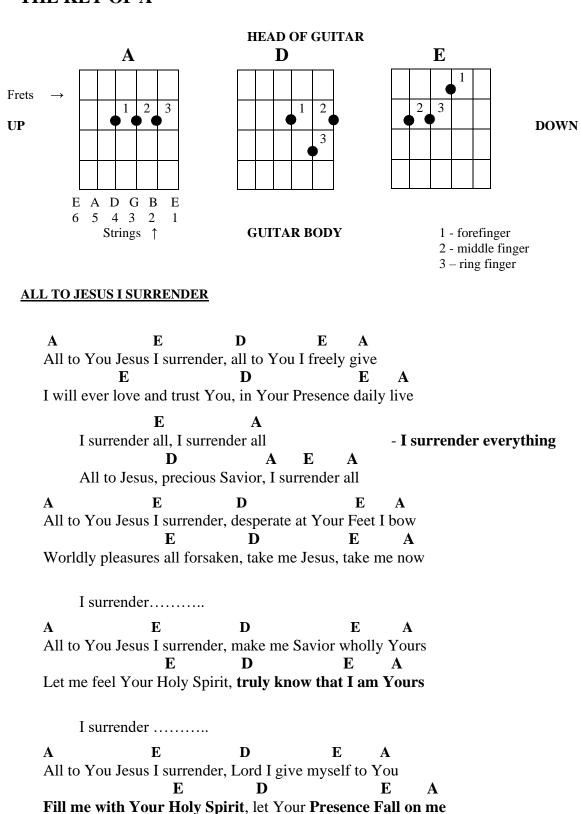
**In lesson 1**, we will learn the 3 basic chords for the **key of A**: The chords of **A**, **D** and **E**, and we will learn to play 2 songs in the key of A.

- First step: make sure you know the song you are learning to play. If you don't know the song, go to the worship page (page 3) on this website where you can listen to it. The songs are all in alphabetical order.
- Tuning the guitar:
  - There are tuning tools available you can purchase in a music store or you can search online for help how to tune your guitar.
- When your guitar is in tune you are ready to start making chords and strumming them while you are singing your song.
   Pick up the guitar with the neck pointing to the left. Your left hand makes the chords and your right hand makes the sound by strumming the strings.
- There are 6 strings on a guitar. From high to low: E, B, G, D, A, E. They all sound different, but the last E sounds the same as the first E, just lower. Try it out.
- By placing your fingers on a string right before the fret (the metal strips over the neck), you are forming chords.
   Each chords has its own sound and its own finger combination and we start with learning the chord of A.
- You will place your fingers on the guitar according to the first picture, the picture for the chord A, on the next page.
  - The vertical lines represent the 6 strings with the highest sounding E (first string) on the right side in the picture and that is the string closest to the ground when you are holding the guitar.
  - B is the second string, G the third, D fourth, A fifth and the low E is the sixth string.
  - The horizontal lines represent the frets and when you look at the key of A you will see that your fingers need to be placed on the fingerboard right before the second fret on the second, third and fourth string.
  - Try to put your fingers on the fingerboard and see how it sounds.
- **Tip:** If it does not sound clear it is possible that you did not push the string down far enough (the closer you come to the fret the easier it is) or another finger is lightly touching the string, that happens a lot with the highest string, the E.
- Try and place your fingers on the strings for the other three chords and strum, so you get the feel and the sound of it.
- **Singing your song**: Place your fingers with the first chord (A) in the song and just strum the guitar along with your singing.

  Follow the words to the song, see below and change the chords at the right time.
- When you see a new chord (D or E) above the word, you change to that chord right over the word where it is showing.
- You are now playing your first song in the key of A. Enjoy your worship!

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## THE KEY OF A



I surrender .....