



# SHINING LIGHT

## SONG AND SCRIPTURE BOOK



*Jesus said,*  
**I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.**  
*Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life.*  
*John 8:12*



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Psalms, Hymns  
and  
Spiritual Songs  
and  
Passages from  
God's Word, the Bible

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## HOW GREAT THOU ART

Stuart K. Hine

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O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
 Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;  
 I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
 Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;*

*How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;*

*How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing  
 Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—  
 That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
 He bled and died to take away my sin!

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;*

*How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;*

*How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
 And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
 Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
 And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;*

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## VICTORY IN JESUS

Eugene Monroe Bartlett

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I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory,  
How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me;  
I heard about His groaning,  
Of His precious blood's atoning,  
Then I repented of my sins; and won the victory!

*O victory in Jesus, My Savior, forever!  
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood;  
He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him,  
He plunged me to victory, beneath the cleansing flood.*

I heard about a mansion he has built for me in glory.  
And I heard about the streets of gold  
Beyond the crystal sea;  
About the angels singing, and the old redemption story,  
And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory.

*O victory in Jesus, My Savior, forever!  
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood;  
He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due Him,  
He plunged me to victory, beneath the cleansing flood!*

## HIGHER GROUND

*Johnson Oatman, Jr.*

*Chas. H. Gabriel*

I'm pressing on the upward way,  
New heights I'm gaining every day;  
Still praying as I onward bound,  
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

*Lord, lift me up and let me stand,  
By faith, on heaven's table land,  
A higher plane than I have found.  
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.*

I want to scale the utmost height  
And catch a gleam of glory bright;  
But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found,  
"Lord, lead me on to higher ground."

*Lord, lift me up and let me stand,  
By faith, on heaven's table land,  
A higher plane than I have found.  
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.*

**NEAR THE CROSS***Fanny J. Crosby**W. H. Doane*

**Jesus, keep me near the Cross.  
There a precious fountain,  
Free to all, a healing stream,  
Flows from Calvary's mountain.**

***In the Cross, in the Cross  
Be my glory ever,  
Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river.***

**Near the Cross I'll watch and wait,  
Hoping, trusting ever,  
Till I reach the golden strand,  
Just beyond the river.**

***In the Cross, in the Cross  
Be my glory ever,  
Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river.***

## WHAT A FRIEND

*Joseph Scriven*

*Charles C. Converse*

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear,  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer.  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,  
Oh, what needless pain we bear.  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

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## HE KEEPS ME SINGING

Luther B. Bridgers

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There's within my heart a melody –  
Jesus whispers sweet and low,  
“Fear not, I am with me – peace be still,”  
In all of life's ebb and flow.

*Jesus, Jesus, Jesus –  
Sweetest name I know,  
Fills my every longing,  
Keeps me singing as I go.*

Soon He's coming back to welcome me,  
Far beyond the starry sky;  
I shall wing my flight to worlds unknown,  
I shall reign with Him on high.

*Jesus, Jesus, Jesus –  
Sweetest name I know,  
Fills my every longing,  
Keeps me singing as I go.*

## **WHEN I SURVEY**

*Isaac Watts*

*Arr. By Lowell Mason*

**When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ, my God.  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.**

**See, from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flowed mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown.**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

## **THERE IS POWER IN THE BLOOD**

Lewis E. Jones

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Would you be free from the burden of sin?  
 There is pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;  
 Would you o'er evil a victory win?  
 There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

*There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-working pow'r  
 In the blood of the Lamb.*

*There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-working pow'r  
 In the precious blood of the Lamb.*

Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow?  
 There is pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;  
 Sin-stains are lost in its lifegiving flow;  
 There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

*There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-working pow'r  
 In the blood of the Lamb.*

*There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-working pow'r  
 In the precious blood of the Lamb.*

## HE LIVES

Alfred H. Ackley

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I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;  
I know that He is living, whatever men may say.  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.

*He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me  
Along life's narrow way.  
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives...  
He lives within my heart.*

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find;  
None other is so loving, so good and kind.

*He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me  
Along life's narrow way.  
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives...  
He lives within my heart.*

## COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

Johnson Oatman, Jr.

Edwin O. Excell

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed;  
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,  
Count your many blessings, Name them one by one,  
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

*Count your blessings, name them one by one;  
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;  
Count your blessings, name them one by one;  
Count your many blessings,  
See what God hath done.*

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?  
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?  
Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly,  
And you will be singing as the days go by.

*Count your blessings, name them one by one;  
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;  
Count your blessings, name them one by one;  
Count your many blessings,  
See what God hath done.*

**OH, THAT WILL BE GLORY***Charles H. Gabriel**Charles H. Gabriel*

When all my labors and trials are o'er,  
And I am safe on that beautiful shore,  
Just to be near the dear Lord I adore,  
Will thro' the ages be glory for me.

*Oh, that will be glory for me,  
Glory for me, glory for me!  
When by His grace I shall look on His face,  
That will be glory, be glory for me!*

When, by the gift of His infinite grace,  
I am accorded in heaven a place,  
Just to be there and to look on His face,  
Will thro' the ages be glory for me.

*Oh, that will be glory for me,  
Glory for me, glory for me!  
When by His grace I shall look on His face,  
That will be glory, be glory for me!*

**SWEET BY AND BY**

*F. Bennett*

*J. P. Webster*

There's a land that is fairer than day,  
And by faith we can see it afar;  
For the Father waits over the way  
To prepare us a dwelling place there.

*In the sweet by and by  
We shall meet on that beautiful shore.  
In the sweet by and by  
We shall meet on that beautiful shore.*

To our bountiful Father above  
We will offer our tribute of praise,  
For the glorious gift of His love,  
And the blessings that hallow our days.

*In the sweet by and by  
We shall meet on that beautiful shore.  
In the sweet by and by  
We shall meet on that beautiful shore.*

**WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED***James M. Black**James M. Black*

**When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound  
And time shall be no more,  
And the morning breaks eternal, bright and fair;  
When the saved of earth shall gather  
Over on the other shore,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.**

*When the roll is called up yonder, When the roll  
is called up yonder, When the roll is called up  
yonder, When the roll is called up yonder,  
I'll be there.*

**On that bright and cloudless morning  
When the dead in Christ shall rise,  
And the glory of His resurrection share;  
When His chosen ones shall gather  
To their home beyond the skies,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.**

*When the roll is called up yonder, When the roll  
is called up yonder, When the roll is called up  
yonder, When the roll is called up yonder,  
I'll be there.*

## IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

Horatio G. Spafford

Philip P. Bliss

When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,  
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

*It is well with my soul.*

*It is well, it is well with my soul.*

My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin—not in part, but the whole—  
Is nailed to His cross and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, oh, my soul.

*It is well with my soul.*

*It is well, it is well with my soul.*

And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,  
“Even so” – it is well with my soul.

*It is well with my soul.*

*It is well, it is well with my soul.*

**UNDER HIS WINGS***Wm. O. Cushing**Ira D. Sankey*

**Under His wings I am safely abiding.  
Tho' the night deepens and tempests are wild,  
Still I can trust Him; I know He will keep me.  
He has redeemed me, and I am His child.**

***Under His wings, under His wings,  
Who from His love can sever?  
Under His wings my soul shall abide,  
Safely abide forever.***

**Under His wings, oh, what precious enjoyment;  
There will I hide 'til life's trials are o'er;  
Sheltered, protected, no evil can harm me.  
Resting in Jesus, I'm safe evermore.**

***Under His wings, under His wings,  
Who from His love can sever?  
Under His wings my soul shall abide,  
Safely abide forever.***

## **SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD**

*Dorothy Thrupp, 1836.*

*Music: William Bradbury, 1859*

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us,  
Much we need Thy tender care;  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,  
For our use Thy folds prepare.**

*Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus!  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus!  
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.*

**We are Thine, do Thou befriend us,  
Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,  
Seek us when we go astray.**

*Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus!  
Hear, O hear us when we pray.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus!  
Hear, O hear us when we pray.*

**AT CALVARY***Wm. R. Newell**Daniel B. Towner*

**Years I spent in vanity and pride  
Caring not my Lord was crucified,  
Knowing not it was for me He died...At Calvary!**

***Mercy there was great, and grace was free;  
Pardon there was multiplied to me;  
There my burdened soul found liberty  
At Calvary!***

**Oh the love that drew salvation's plan!  
Oh the grace that brought it down to man!  
Oh the mighty gulf that God did span...At Calvary!**

***Mercy there was great, and grace was free;  
Pardon there was multiplied to me;  
There my burdened soul found liberty  
At Calvary!***

**Now I've given to Jesus everything;  
Now I gladly own Him as my King;  
Now my raptured soul can only sing...Of Calvary!**

***Mercy there was great, and grace was free;  
Pardon there was multiplied to me;  
There my burdened soul found liberty  
At Calvary!***

**AT THE CROSS***Isaac Watts**Ralph E. Hudson*

**Alas, and did my Savior bleed,  
And did my Sovereign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head  
For such a worm as I?**

***At the Cross, at the Cross  
Where I first saw the light,  
And the burden of my heart rolled away—  
It was there by faith I received my sight,  
And now I am happy all the day.***

**But drops of grief can ne'er repay  
The debit of love I owe.  
Here, Lord, I give myself away;  
'Tis all that I can do.**

***At the Cross, at the Cross  
Where I first saw the light,  
And the burden of my heart rolled away—  
It was there by faith I received my sight,  
And now I am happy all the day.***

## **THE EVERLASTING ARMS**

*Elisha A. Hoffman*

*A. J. Showalter*

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

*Leaning, leaning,  
Safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

*Leaning, leaning,  
Safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

**GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS***Thomas O. Chisholm**William M. Runyam*

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father!  
 There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
 Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
 As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.

**CHORUS**

*Great is Thy faithfulness,  
 Great is Thy faithfulness,  
 Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
 All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
 Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
 Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
 Join with all nature in manifold witness  
 To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

**CHORUS↑**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
 Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
 Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
 Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

**CHORUS↑**

## THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

George Bennard

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On a hill far away stood an old rugged Cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old Cross, where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

*So I'll cherish the old rugged Cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down.  
I will cling to the old rugged Cross,  
And exchange it someday for a crown.*

Oh, the old rugged Cross, so despised by the world,  
Has a wondrous attraction for me;  
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above,  
To bear it to dark Calvary.

*So I'll cherish the old rugged Cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down.  
I will cling to the old rugged Cross,  
And exchange it someday for a crown.*

To the old rugged Cross, I will ever be true,  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Then He'll call me someday to my home far away,  
Where His glory forever I'll share.

*So I'll cherish the old rugged Cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down.  
I will cling to the old rugged Cross,  
And exchange it someday for a crown.*

**BLESSED ASSURANCE***Fanny J. Crosby**Mrs. Jos. F. Knapp*

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine.  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine.  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

*This is my story, this is my song.  
Praising my Savior all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song.  
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

**Perfect submission, all is at rest.  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.**

*This is my story, this is my song.  
Praising my Savior all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song.  
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

## **BECAUSE HE LIVES**

*Gloria & Bill Gaither*

*William J. Gaither*

*Final chorus arranged by Ronn Huff*

**God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus,  
He came to love, heal, and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon.  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.**

***Because He lives I can face tomorrow,  
Because He lives all fear is gone;  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living just because He lives.***

**How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
And feel the pride and joy He gives;  
But greater still the calm assurance,  
This child can face uncertain days because He lives.**

***Because He lives I can face tomorrow,  
Because He lives all fear is gone;  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living just because He lives.***

**LOVE LIFTED ME***James Rowe**Howard E. Smith*

**I was sinking deep in sin, Far from the peaceful shore,  
Very deeply stained within, Sinking to rise no more;  
But the Master of the Sea Heard my despairing cry,  
From the waters lifted me, now safe am I.**

*Love lifted me, love lifted me,  
When nothing else could help, love lifted me;  
Love lifted me, love lifted me,  
When nothing else could help, love lifted me.*

**All my heart to Him I give, Ever to Him I'll cling,  
In His blessed presence live, Ever His praises sing.  
Love so mighty and so true  
Merits my soul's best songs;  
Faithful, loving service, too, to Him belongs.**

*Love lifted me, love lifted me,  
When nothing else could help, love lifted me;  
Love lifted me, love lifted me,  
When nothing else could help, love lifted me.*

**WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN***E. E. Hewitt**Mrs. J. G. Wilson*

**Sing the wondrous love of Jesus;  
Sing His mercy and His grace.  
In the mansions, bright and blessed,  
He'll prepare for us a place.**

***When we all get to heaven,  
What a day of rejoicing that will be!  
When we all see Jesus,  
We'll sing and shout the victory!***

**Let us then be true and faithful,  
Trusting, serving ev'ry day.  
Just one glimpse of Him in glory  
Will the toils of life repay.**

***When we all get to heaven,  
What a day of rejoicing that will be!  
When we all see Jesus,  
We'll sing and shout the victory!***

## **STANDING ON THE PROMISES**

*R. Kelso Carter*

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**Standing on the promises of Christ my King,  
Thru eternal ages let His praises ring;  
Glory in the highest I will shout and sing,  
Standing on the promises of God.**

*Standing, standing,  
Standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
Standing, standing,  
I'm standing on the promises of God.*

**Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
By the living Word of God, I shall prevail,  
Standing on the promises of God.**

*Standing, standing,  
Standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
Standing, standing,  
I'm standing on the promises of God.*

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY***Reginald Heber**John B. Dykes*

**Holy, Holy, Holy,  
Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning,  
Our song shall rise to Thee.  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Merciful and Mighty.  
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy,  
Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man  
Thy glory may not see.  
Only Thou art Holy;  
There is none beside Thee—  
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy,  
Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name  
In earth, and sky and sea.  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Merciful and Mighty,  
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity.**

**WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE***Philip P. Bliss**Philip P. Bliss*

Sing them over again to me,  
Wonderful words of life;  
Let me more of their beauty see,  
Wonderful words of life.  
Words of life and beauty,  
Teach me faith and duty:

*Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
Wonderful words of Life.  
Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
Wonderful words of Life.*

Christ, the blessed One, gives to all  
Wonderful words of life;  
Listen well to the loving call,  
Wonderful words of life.  
All the wondrous story,  
Showing us His glory:

*Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
Wonderful words of Life.  
Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
Wonderful words of Life.*

## **FAIREST LORD JESUS**

*Crusaders' Hymn*

*Arr. By Richard S. Willis*

**Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature.  
O, Thou of God and man the Son.  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
Thou my soul's glory, joy and crown.**

**Fair are the meadows; fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring.  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing!**

**Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling, starry host.  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heav'n can boast.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of all the nations.  
Son of God and Son of Man.  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be Thine.**

## **JESUS LOVES ME**

(for older folk!)

*Various Authors*

*William Bradbury*

**Jesus loves me, this I know,  
Though my hair is white as snow.  
Though my sight is growing dim,  
Still He bids me trust in Him.**

***Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.***

**Though my steps are oh, so slow,  
With my hand in His I'll go.  
On through life, let come what may,  
He'll be there to lead the way.**

***Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.***

**When the nights are dark and long,  
In my heart He puts a song.  
Telling me in words so clear,  
"Do not fear, for I am near."**

***Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.***

**HE HIDETH MY SOUL***Fanny J. Crosby**William J. Kirkpatrick*

**A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord,  
A wonderful Savior to me;  
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock,  
Where rivers of pleasure I see.**

*He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock  
That shadows a dry, thirsty land;  
He hideth my life in the depths of His love,  
And covers me there with His hand,  
And covers me there with His hand.*

**A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord,  
He taketh my burden away;  
He holdeth me up, and I shall not be moved,  
He giveth me strength for each day.**

*He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock  
That shadows a dry, thirsty land;  
He hideth my life in the depths of His love,  
And covers me there with His hand,  
And covers me there with His hand.*

**AMAZING GRACE***John Newton**Early American Melody*

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.**

**Thro' many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come.  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright, shining as the sun.  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun.**

**TO GOD BE THE GLORY***Fanny J. Crosby**William H. Doane*

**To God be the glory, great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin  
And opened the Life-gate that all may go in.**

***Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,***

***Let the earth hear His voice!***

***Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,***

***Let the people rejoice!***

***O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,***

***And give Him the glory –***

***Great things He hath done!***

**O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes.  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.**

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**CHRIST AROSE***Robert Lowry**Robert Lowry*

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus, my Savior.  
Waiting the coming day, Jesus, my Lord.

*Up from the grave He arose  
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes.  
He arose a Victor from the dark domain  
And He lives forever with His saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah, Christ arose!*

Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus, my Savior.  
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus, my Lord.

*Up from the grave He arose  
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes.  
He arose a Victor from the dark domain  
And He lives forever with His saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah, Christ arose!*

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus, my Savior.  
He tore the bars away, Jesus, my Lord.

*Up from the grave He arose  
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes.  
He arose a Victor from the dark domain  
And He lives forever with His saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah, Christ arose!*

**SOFTLY AND TENDERLY***Will L. Thompson**Will L. Thompson*

**Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
Calling for you and for me.  
See, on the portals He's waiting and watching,  
Watching for you and for me.**

***Come home, come home,  
Ye who are weary, come home.  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling  
Calling, "O, sinner, come home."***

**Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
Pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies—  
Mercies for you and for me.**

***Come home, come home,  
Ye who are weary, come home.  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling  
Calling, "O, sinner, come home."***

**OH, HOW I LOVE JESUS!***Frederick Whitfield**American Melody*

There is a name I love to hear,  
I love to sing its worth.  
It sounds like music in my ear,  
The sweetest name on earth.

*O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus,  
O, how I love Jesus – Because He first loved me!*

It tells me of a Savior's love,  
Who died to set me free,  
It tells me of His precious blood,  
The sinner's perfect plea.

*O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus,  
O, how I love Jesus – Because He first loved me!*

It tells of One whose loving heart  
Can feel my deepest woe,  
Who in each sorrow bears a part  
That none can bear below.

*O, how I love Jesus, O, how I love Jesus,  
O, how I love Jesus – Because He first loved me!*

**JESUS IS ALL THE WORLD TO ME***Will. L. Thompson**Will. L. Thompson*

Jesus is all the world to me,  
My life, my joy, my all;  
He is my strength from day to day,  
Without Him I would fall.  
When I am sad, to Him I go;  
No other one can cheer me so;  
When I am sad, He makes me glad,  
He's my Friend.

Jesus is all the world to me,  
I want no better friend;  
I trust Him now, I'll trust Him when  
Life's fleeting days shall end.  
Beautiful life with such a friend;  
Beautiful life that has no end;  
Eternal life, eternal joy,  
He's my friend.

**TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE***Frances R. Havergal**Henri Abraham César Malan*

Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love.  
At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.  
Take my voice, and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King.  
Always, only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee.  
Take my silver and my gold;  
Not a mite would I withhold.  
Not a mite would I withhold.

Take my love, my God, I pour  
At Thy feet it's treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

## **JESUS, I COME**

*William T. Sleeper*

*George C. Stebbins*

**Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night,  
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light,  
Jesus, I come to Thee;  
Out of my sickness, into Thy health,  
Out of my want and into Thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into Thyself,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.**

**Out of my shameful failure and loss,  
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.**

**Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,  
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,  
Out of distress to jubilant psalm,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.**

**Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,  
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;  
Into the joy and light of Thy throne,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.**

**Out of the depths of ruin untold,  
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,  
Jesus, I come to Thee.**

## **STANDING ON THE PROMISES**

*R. Kelso Carter*

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**Standing on the promises of Christ my King,  
Through eternal ages let His praises ring,  
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
Standing on the promises of God.**

*Standing, standing,  
Standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.*

**Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
Standing on the promises of God.**

*Standing, standing,  
Standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.*

**Standing on the promises I cannot fall,  
Listening every moment to the Spirit's call  
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,  
Standing on the promises of God.**

*Standing, standing,  
Standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.*

**JESUS MAY COME TODAY!***Henry Ostrom**Charles Marsh*

**Jesus may come today! Glad day, glad day!  
And I would see my Friend;  
Dangers and troubles would end  
If Jesus should come today.**

***Glad day, glad day! Is it the crowning day?  
I'll live for today, nor anxious be;  
Jesus, my Lord I soon shall see.  
Glad day, glad day! Is it the crowning day?***

**Faithful I'll be today, Glad day, glad day!  
And I will freely tell  
Why I should love Him so well,  
For He is my all today.**

***Glad day, glad day! Is it the crowning day?  
I'll live for today, nor anxious be;  
Jesus, my Lord I soon shall see.  
Glad day, glad day! Is it the crowning day?***

**SOON AND VERY SOON***Martin Nystrom**Martin Nystrom*

**Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King!  
Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King!  
Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
We are going to see the King!**

**No more crying there, We are going to see the King!  
No more crying there, We are going to see the King!  
No more crying there, We are going to see the King!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
We are going to see the King!**

**No more dying there, We are going to see the King!  
No more dying there, We are going to see the King!  
No more dying there, We are going to see the King!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
We are going to see the King!**

**IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR***Edmund H. Sears**Richard S. Willis*

It came upon a midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold:

*“Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
From heaven’s all gracious King.”  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.*

Still thro’ the cloven skies they come  
With peaceful wings unfurled,  
And still their heavenly music floats  
O’er all the weary world.

*Above its sad and lowly plains  
They bend on hovering wing,  
And ever o’er its babel sounds  
The blessed angels sing.*

**HARK, THE HERALD ANGELS SING***Charles Wesley**Felix Mendelssohn*

Hark, the herald angels sing:  
“Glory to the newborn King,  
Peace on earth and mercy mild;  
God and sinners reconciled.”  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic hosts proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem.”

*Hark, the herald angels sing  
“Glory to the newborn King.”*

Hail, the heaven born Prince of Peace,  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness,  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Risen with healing in His wings.  
Let us then with angels sing:  
“Glory to the newborn King,  
Peace on earth and mercy mild;  
God and sinners reconciled.”

*Hark, the herald angels sing  
“Glory to the newborn King.”*

## **JOY TO THE WORLD**

*Isaac Watts*

*Arr. Fr. Geo F. Handel*

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King.  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world, the Savior reigns,  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, and wonders of His love.**

**O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM***Phillips Brooks**Louis H. Redner*

**O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie.  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth,  
The everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in Thee tonight.**

**How silently, how silently  
The wondrous Gift is given,  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heaven.  
No ear may hear His coming,  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him still  
The dear Christ enters in.**

**SILENT NIGHT***Joseph Mohr**Franz Gruber*

**Silent night! Holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright;  
'Round yon virgin mother and Child,  
Holy Infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night! Holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar;  
Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia."  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born.**

**Silent night! Holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light,  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace.  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

**AWAY IN A MANGER***Martin Luther**Carl Mueller*

**Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep in the hay.**

**The cattle are lowing; the poor Baby wakes.  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.**

**OH, COME ALL YE FAITHFUL!**

*Tr. By Frederick Oakeley*

*Wade's Cantus Diversi*

**Oh, come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
Oh, come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him, Born the King of angels.**

*Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him,  
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation.  
Oh, sing all ye bright hosts of heaven above.  
Glory to God, All glory in the highest.**

*Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him,  
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

**Yea, Lord we greet Thee, born this happy morning,  
Oh, Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing.**

*Oh, come, let us adore Him, Oh, come, let us adore Him,  
Oh, come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

**O HOLY NIGHT***Placide Cappeau**Adolphe Charles-Adam*

**O holy night, the stars are brightly shining;  
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth!  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope, the weary soul rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.  
Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born! *(repeat)***

**Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,  
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.  
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,  
Here came the wise men from Orient land.  
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,  
In all our trials born to be our Friend!  
He knows our need—to our weakness is no stranger.  
Behold your King; before Him lowly bend! *(repeat)***

**Truly He taught us to love one another;  
His law is love and His gospel is peace.  
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother;  
And in His name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,  
Let all within us praise His holy name.  
Christ is the Lord! O praise His Name forever,  
His power and glory evermore proclaim! *(repeat)***

**AS THE DEER PANTETH***Martin Nystrom**Martin Nystrom*

**As the deer panteth for the water  
So my soul longeth after You!  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship You!**

***You alone are my Strength, my Shield.  
To you alone may my spirit yield!  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship You.***

**You're my Friend and you are my Brother,  
Even though you are the King.  
I love you more than any other,  
So much more than anything.**

***You alone are my Strength, my Shield.  
To you alone may my spirit yield!  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship You.***

## **HIS NAME IS WONDERFUL**

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**His name is Wonderful, His name is Wonderful,  
His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord!  
He is the Mighty King, Master of everything,  
His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord!**

**He's the Great Shepherd, the Rock of All Ages,  
Almighty God is He!  
Bow down before Him, love and adore Him!  
His name is Wonderful, Jesus my Lord!**

## **HE IS LORD!**

**He is Lord! He is Lord!  
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess  
That Jesus Christ is Lord!**

**He's my Lord! He's my Lord!  
He is risen from the dead and He's my Lord!  
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess  
That Jesus Christ is Lord!**

## **I Am the Resurrection and the Life**

*Scripture*

*Norman Clayton*

**I am the Resurrection and the Life!  
 He that believeth in Me though he were dead,  
 Yet shall he live, yet shall he live!  
 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me  
 Shall never, never die, shall never, never die!**

## **THANK YOU, LORD!**

*Seth and Bessie Sykes*

**Thank You, Lord, for saving my soul!  
 Thank You, Lord, for making me whole!  
 Thank You, Lord, for giving to me  
 Thy great salvation so rich and free.**

## **SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD**

**Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.  
 Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.  
 Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me!  
 Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me!**

**OH, WHAT A WONDER!**

Oh, what a wonder that Jesus found me  
Out in the darkness, no light could I see!  
Oh, what a wonder, He put His strong arms under,  
And wonder of wonders, He saved even me.

**THIS IS THE DAY**

This is the day, this is the day  
That the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it!  
This is the day that the Lord hath made!  
We will rejoice and be glad in it!  
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

**YE ARE MY DISCIPLES**

You are My disciples if you love one another  
That your joy may be full.  
You are My disciples if you love one another  
That your joy may be full.  
That your joy may be full, that your joy may be full—  
You are My disciples if you love one another  
That your joy may be full.

SELECT  
PASSAGES  
FROM THE  
BIBLE,  
THE  
WORD OF GOD

*(In order to present each passage clearly  
for this setting, various translations have been used:  
King James Version, New International Version  
(1984), English Standard Version, and  
The New Living Bible)*

## **THE BIRTH OF JESUS** – *Luke 2*

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

Today in the town of David a **Savior has been born** to you; He is **Christ the Lord**. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, good will to men.”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen Him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

**THE CRUCIFIXION** – *Matthew 27:33-43*

Then they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed Him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified—one on His right and one on His left.

Jesus said, **“Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.”** And the soldiers gambled for His clothes by throwing dice.

The crowd watched and the leaders scoffed. “He saved others,” they said, “let Him save himself if He is really God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.” The soldiers mocked Him, too, by offering Him a drink of sour wine. They called out to Him, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” A sign was fastened to the cross above Him with these words: “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals hanging beside Him scoffed, “So you’re the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you’re at it!” But the other criminal protested, “Don’t you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn’t done anything wrong.” Then he said, **“Lord, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.”**

And Jesus replied, **“I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.”**

## THE RESURRECTION – *Matthew 28*

Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb.

Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. The guards shook with fear when they saw Him, and they fell into a dead faint.

Then the angel spoke to the women. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn’t here! **He is risen from the dead, just as He said would happen.** Come, see where His body was lying. And now, go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead, and He is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see Him there. Remember what I have told you.”

The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel’s message. And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they ran to Him, grasped His feet, and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, “Don’t be afraid! Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there.”

## JESUS IS...

### **The Resurrection and the Life** – *John 11:17-44*

Jesus said unto her, **I am the resurrection, and the life:** he that believeth in Me, though he is dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.

### **The Bread of Life** – *John 6:35*

Jesus said to them, “**I am the bread of life;** whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst.

### **The Door** – *John 10:9*

**I am the door.** If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.”

### **The Good Shepherd** – *John 10:11*

**I am the good shepherd.** The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

### **The Light of the World** – *John 8:12*

**I am the light of the world.** He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.

## JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY

### **I Am the Way** - *John 14:1-6*

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me.

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself that where I am, there ye may be also.

And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Thomas saith unto Him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life**: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

### **NO OTHER NAME** – *Acts 4:12*

Salvation is found in no one else, **for there is no other name** under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

## **THE LAST DAYS – *1 Timothy 3:1-5***

You should know this: In the last days there will be perilous times. For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred.

They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly.

Stay away from people like that!

## **THE BLESSED HOPE OF CHRIST'S RETURN**

– *Titus 2:11-14*

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the Blessed Hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are His very own, eager to do what is good.

**THE COMING OF THE LORD - 1 Thess. 4:13-18**

Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope.

We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him.

According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.

For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

**Therefore encourage each other with these words.**

## **A NEW HEAVEN AND EARTH - *Revelation 21***

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth,  
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away,  
and there was no longer any sea.

I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down  
out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully  
dressed for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look!  
God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and He  
will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God  
Himself will be with them and be their God.

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be  
no more death or mourning or crying or pain,  
for the old order of things has passed away.”

### **Revelation 22:5**

And there will be no night there—no need for lamps  
or sun—for the Lord God will shine on them.  
And they will reign forever and ever.

**THE THRONE IN HEAVEN** - *Revelation 4:9-11*

Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say:

*“You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.”*

**HE IS WORTHY** – *Psalms 145:1-6*

I will exalt you, my God and King, and praise your name forever and ever.

I will praise you every day; yes, I will praise you forever. Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise!

No one can measure His greatness.

Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power.

I will meditate on your majestic, glorious splendor and your wonderful miracles.

Your awe-inspiring deeds will be on every tongue; I will proclaim your greatness.

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## **WORTHY IS THE LAMB** - *Revelation 5:11-14*

Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders.

In a loud voice they sang:

*“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”*

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing:

*“To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!”*

The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

**ASSURANCE OF SALVATION** – *1 John 5:11-13*

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you  
who believe in the name  
of the Son of God  
**so that you may KNOW**  
that you have eternal life.

**LETTING OTHERS KNOW** – *John 13:35*

By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

**SECURITY IN CHRIST** – *John 10:27-30*

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.”

**GOD'S FORGIVENESS** - *1 John 1*

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make your joy complete.

This is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make Him out to be a liar and His word is not in us.

## **THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT** – *Galatians 5:22, 23a*

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

## **TWO KINDS OF WISDOM** – *James 3:15-18*

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such “**wisdom**” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

But the **wisdom** that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.

## **BE YE KIND**– *Ephesians 4:31, 32*

Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

## **WISDOM IS A TREE OF LIFE** – *Proverbs 3:13-26*

Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold.

She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her; those who hold her fast will be blessed.

By wisdom the LORD laid the earth's foundations,  
by understanding He set the heavens in place;  
by His knowledge the watery depths were divided,  
and the clouds let drop the dew.

My son, do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight, preserve sound judgment and discretion; they will be life for you, an ornament to grace your neck.

Then you will go on your way in safety, and your foot will not stumble. When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet. Have no fear of sudden disaster or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked, for the LORD will be at your side and will keep your foot from being snared.

**TRUST IN THE LORD**  
**WITH ALL YOUR HEART** – *Proverbs 3:1-12*

My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity.

Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths.

Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first-fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

My son, do not despise the LORD's discipline and do not resent His rebuke, because the LORD disciplines those He loves, as a father the son He delights in.

**IMITATE CHRIST'S HUMILITY** - *Philippians 2:3-11*

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage;

Rather, He made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

And every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## **JESUS CALMS THE STORM** – *Mark 4:35-41*

As evening came, Jesus said to His disciples, “Let’s cross to the other side of the lake.” So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed). But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water. Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with His head on a cushion. The disciples woke Him up, shouting, “Teacher, don’t you care that we’re going to drown?”

When Jesus woke up, He rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Silence! Be still!” Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. Then He asked them, “Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?”

The disciples were absolutely terrified. “Who is this man?” they asked each other. “Even the wind and waves obey Him!”

### **Psalm 89:8, 9**

O LORD God of hosts! Who is mighty as you are,  
O LORD, with your faithfulness all around you?  
You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise,  
You still them.

**THE TEN COMMANDMENTS** – *Exodus 20*

**And God spoke all these words, saying,  
I am the Lord your God, who brought you  
out of the land of Egypt,  
out of the house of slavery.**

- 1.** You shall have no other gods before me.
- 2.** You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

- 3.** You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

**4.** Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.  
Six days you shall labor, and do all your work,  
but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.

On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates.

For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day.

Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

**5.** Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

**6.** You shall not murder.

**7.** You shall not commit adultery.

**8.** You shall not steal.

**9.** You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**10.** You shall not covet.....”

**YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN** – *John 3:1-18*

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

In reply Jesus declared, **“I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.”**

“How can a man be born when he is old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb to be born!”

Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

“How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

“You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?

No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man.

“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life.

**“For God so loved the world that He gave His *only begotten* Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.**

“For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.”

**THE GOOD SAMARITAN** – *Luke 10:23-37 (excerpts)*

Jesus answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

The lawyer asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

## THE PRODIGAL SON – *Luke 15:11-24*

Jesus continued: There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, Father, give me my share of the estate. So he divided his property between them.

Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. When he came to his senses, he said, How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants. So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

The son said to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. But the father said to his servants, Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. **For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.** So they began to celebrate.

**THE 23<sup>rd</sup> PSALM**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me  
in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow  
of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence  
of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house  
of the LORD forever.

**I Peter 2:25**

Once you were like sheep who wandered away.  
But now you have turned to your **Shepherd**,  
the Guardian of your souls.

## PEACE

### **Peace with God** – *Romans 5:1*

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have **peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Peace of God** – *Philippians 4:6, 7*

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the **peace of God** that surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

### **Perfect Peace** – *Isaiah 26:3*

You keep him in **perfect peace** whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.

### **Peace from Jesus** – *John 14:27*

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

### **Live in Peace** - *II Corinthians 13:11*

Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

## COME TO JESUS FOR REST

### **Matthew 11:28-30**

Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly of heart; and ye shall find rest to your souls.

### **Psalms 36:7**

How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Thy wings.

### **Psalms 9:9, 10**

The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.

### **Psalms 4:8**

I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

**WAIT UPON THE LORD** – *Isaiah 40:25-31*

“To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?”  
says the Holy One. Lift your eyes and look  
to the heavens: Who created all these?--

He who brings out the starry host one by one,  
and calls them each by name; because of His great power  
and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and complain, O Israel,  
“My way is hidden from the Lord; my cause  
is disregarded by my God”? Do you not know?  
Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding  
no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and  
increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired  
and weary, and young men stumble and fall;

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary, they will walk  
and not be faint.

## HOW ARE WE SAVED?

### **Saved by Grace, Not by Works** – *Ephesians 2:8, 9*

For by grace are ye saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, **not of works** lest any man should boast.

### **Saved Because of His Mercy** – *Titus 3:4-7*

When God our Savior revealed His kindness and love, He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but **because of His mercy**. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. Because of his grace He declared us righteous and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.

### **Saved by Faith in God** – *Romans 4:3-8*

...the Scriptures tell us, “Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous” because of his faith.

When people work, their wages are not a gift, but something they have earned. But people are counted as righteous, not because of their work, but **because of their faith in God** who forgives sinners.

**DELIGHT IN THE WORD OF GOD** – *Psalm 1*

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But **his delight is in the law of the LORD;**  
and in His law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous:  
but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

**Psalm 119:11** – I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

**Psalm 119:105** – Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

**PSALM 19:7-14**

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.

The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart.  
The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.  
The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous.

They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;  
they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.  
By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults. Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me.  
Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

## THE “ROMANS” ROAD

### **Romans 3:23**

For **all have sinned** and come short of the glory of God.

### **Romans 6:23**

The wages of sin is death,  
but **the gift of God is eternal life**  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Romans 10:9**

...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord  
and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead,  
**you will be saved.**

### **Romans 10:13**

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord  
**shall be saved.**

### **Romans 5:1**

Therefore since we have been justified by faith,  
**we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**