



### I'D RATHER HAVE JESUS

I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold
I'd rather be His than have riches untold
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or land
I'd rather be led by His nailed pierced hand

#### **Chorus:**

Than to be the king of a vast domain
Or be held in sin's dread sway
I'd rather have Jesus than anything
This world affords today

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I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause I'd rather have Jesus than worldwide fame I'd rather be true to His holy name

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#### I'D RATHER HAVE JESUS

He's fairer than lilies of rarest bloom
He's sweeter than honey from out of the comb
He's all that my hungering spirit needs
I'd rather have Jesus and let Him lead

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# Chosen and Predestinated

Pt. 1

Eph. 1:4-5

- 1. God blessed us in the past (eternity past) with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ (1:3).
  - a. He stocked the storeroom with all we need to carry out His plan and purpose and gave them to the Head of the Body of Christ, the Lord Jesus Christ, in eternity past.
    - --He created the Body of Christ in eternity past under the headship of His Son and fully provisioned it, waiting to fill it with believers in the Disp. Of Grace.

- b. We receive and participate in them the moment we believe because God chose us In Christ in eternity past. It is only In Christ, incorporated into His Body, the Body of Christ, that God's blessings are dispensed because of the work of Christ on the Cross for us.
- c. How can this be? Because in Christ, we are holy, set apart for God's purpose, brought into a right, blameless standing before Him enveloped in Love (in Him--1:4).

- 2. v. 4a: He chose that everyone in Christ, all who freely believe in the Disp. Of Grace (not chose them TO believe!)—would be placed in His vehicle of service the Body of Christ (NOT the Nation of Israel).
  - --He didn't choose who would and wouldn't believe. He chose what He would do with all who do believe: Place them in the Body of Christ.
  - --We are no longer in Adam and the kingdom of darkness but IN CHRIST and the Kingdom of Light.

v. 3: Where we now receive and participate in all the blessings God gave to Christ in eternity past—the Head of the Body of Christ.

- v. 4b: So that they have a right standing before God, holy—set apart for His use—and blameless—because of the work of Christ on the Cross—in Love—enveloped in the Love of God at the Cross of Christ where Christ died for His enemies.
- 3. Today, in the Disp. Of Grace, God is filling up the Body of Christ with all who believe.
  - a. We are in the ambassadorial stage of God's Mystery Program. We are carrying out the Father's business away from our true home, proclaiming grace and peace to His enemies away from home.
  - b. When the Body of Christ is completed with all its members, they will be removed through the Rapture event as recalled ambassadors, before the restoration of hostilities, wrath and judgment (Rom. 11:25).

- 4. This has nothing to do with getting saved in the sense of sin, death and Hell. It has to do with the service. What God does with us after He has saved us in that sense.
  - --The Bible refers to Jesus as chosen (Lk. 23:35), elect/chosen angels (1 Tim. 5:21), elect/chosen disciples (Jn. 15:16), elect/chosen nation of Israel (Is. 41:8).

- 5. Choosing always has to do with service after you have been saved by grace through faith. We are free "to choose" to be members of of God's "chosen."
  - --Jn. 15:16--chosen to bring forth fruit.
  - --Rom. 9:11-12—God elected/chose Israel/Jacob not Esau and the Edomites as His vehicle of service to restore His Glory on the Earth—He loved the plan centered on Jacob and hated all others.

- 6. God predetermined in eternity past that He would re-claim the Heavenly and Earthly realms through two "chosen" groups of redeemed humanity (Eph. 1:10).
  - a. In His Prophetic Program, God's <u>chosen</u> (IN CHRIST), His group of redeemed humanity, His vehicle of service to re-establish His Glory on Earth, would be His <u>Nation of Israel</u>, made up mostly of believing Israelites (and believing Gentiles associated with them) (Deut. 7:6-7; Ps. 135:4; Is. 41:8).
  - b. In His Mystery Program, however, God's <u>chosen</u> (IN CHRIST) group of redeemed humanity, His vehicle of service to re-establish His Glory in the Heavenlies, is His Body, the <u>Body of Christ</u>, made up mostly of believing Gentiles (and believing Jews) (Eph. 1:4).

- 7. God's two "chosen" groups/vehicles do similar things but in different realms:
  - a. Israel was to possess and make use of all its divine blessings dispensed through the Grace resident in God's Jehovah Name to enter the Earthly Land of Canaan thereby displaying to all the nations on Earth that Israel's God is the God of all the Earth (Josh. 2:9-11; 4:24), bringing them into earthly battles in a spiritual war (Josh. 11:16-23).
    - --God's Work, Word and People shows that the God of Israel is the most powerful and wise God of all. This will soften some in faith while hardening others in unbelief, setting up a spiritual battle between God and His people and the gods and their people.

b. So too, the Body of Christ is to enter, possess and make use of all its divine blessings dispensed through **PGMT**, displaying to the powers and principalities in the heavenlies the manifold wisdom of God now (Eph. 3:10) and the riches of His grace forevermore (Eph.1:7), bringing them into spiritual battles in a spiritual war (Eph. 6:10-20).

8. The ultimate goal of both is similar: Displaying the Glory of God. But the realms in which they do it are different—one is earthly and the other heavenly—therefore, they require different provisions, blessings, instructions, etc.

## PRAISE HIM! PRAISE HIM!

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Jesus our blessed Redeemer

Sing, O Earth His wonderful love proclaim

Hail Him! Hail Him! highest archangels in glory

Strength and honor give to His holy name

Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children

In His arms He carries them all day long

Chorus:

Praise Him! Praise Him! tell of His excellent greatness
Praise Him! Praise Him! ever in joyful song!

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Jesus our blessed Redeemer

For our sins He suffered and bled and died

He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation

Hail Him! Hail Him! Jesus the crucified

Sound His praises, Jesus who bore our sorrows

Love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong

Chorus:

Praise Him! Praise Him! tell of His excellent greatness
Praise Him! Praise Him! ever in joyful song!

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Jesus our blessed Redeemer

Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring

Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever

Crown Him! Crown Him! Prophet and priest and King

Christ is coming, over the world victorious

Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong

**Chorus:** 

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Praise Him! Praise Him! ever in joyful song!