



Of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me
A sinner, condemned, unclean

For me it was in the garden, He prayed: "Not My will, but Thine." He had no tears for His own griefs, But sweat-drops of blood for mine.

CHORUS

How marvelous! How wonderful!

And my song shall ever be

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Is my Savior's love for me!

In pity angels beheld Him,
And came from the world of light
To comfort Him in the sorrows
He bore for my soul that night.

He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them His very own
He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone

CHORUS

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When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me

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(Repeat)

Ephesians 1:8-9

Wisdom and Prudence

- a. The (exceeding) riches of Grace: Eph. 1:7; 2:7
- b. The riches of His Glory: Eph. 1:18; 3:16
- c. The riches of His Mercy: Eph. 2:4
- d. The (unsearchable) riches of Christ: Eph. 3:8
- e. The riches of the Glory of the Mystery: Col. 1:27 (contrast with Eph. 2:11-12).
- f. The riches of the Full-Knowledge of the Mystery: Col. 2:2 (compare Eph. 3:8).
- g. The (bottomless) riches of God's Wisdom and Knowledge: Rom. 11:33.
- h. The Riches of His Goodness, Forbearance, Lonsuffering: Rom. 2:4.
- i. The Riches of God for the World, esp. Gentiles: Rom. 11:12

In short, we must not depend on the uncertain, temporary riches of this world (1 Tim. 6:17-18) but on the exceedingly great Riches of God's Grace in Christ, who was rich but became poor for our sakes that we through His poverty might be rich (2 Cor. 8:9).

- 1. Being redeemed is liberty—freedom from guilt and freedom to serve God as His adult sons and daughters in the Father's business.
 - --For believers in God's Mystery Program for the Body of Christ that means displaying and reflecting and radiating God's Glory, esp. making known to the invisible, spiritual, Heavenly realm the exceedingly great riches of God (Eph. 1:3-5, 10-11; 2:7; 3:9-10). In taking those who were black holes of darkness, and making them into the bright stars, reflecting and radiating His Light!
 - 2. Being redeemed means this service is not forced labor (as it was in Adam) but God working in us freely in Love in Christ (Eph. 1:4; Rom. 5:6ff).

- 3. Dispensational distinctions:
 - a. Israel displays God's riches of Grace that flows out of His I AM Jehovah Name that saves His FRIENDS and destroys His ENEMIES in accord with the Abrahamic Covenant.
 - b. The Body of Christ displays God's EXCEEDING riches of Grace that flows out of His revelation of Pauline Grace Mystery Truth toward His ENEMIES apart from Israel and her covenants.

- 4. Unfortunately, most of believing Christianity stops the passage here. But we must go on with Paul to the rest of the passage:
 - a. His Riches of Grace not only give us redemption, forgiveness of sins, etc. It also gives us the wisdom, making known to us the secret eternal councils and will of the Triune Godhead from eternity past, so that we can use the Father's riches prudently in a way that pleases Him.
 - b. Without the knowledge of the Father's business plan we will waste the Father's riches and resources on things that are not in accord with what He is doing today in the Dispensation of Grace.

- 5. God brought us into His family as ruling adult sons and daughters providing us with what we need to participate and advance His business plan as His ambassadors:
 - a. Yes, He gave us access to the Father's riches of Grace in and through Christ and His Cross (v. 6-7) ...

But we need more than this. We need to know how to use those riches in a way that pleases the Father, producing everlasting fruit!

b. Therefore, He also gave us the preaching of Jesus Christ according to the Revelation of the Mystery as recorded in PGMT (Rom. 16:25) by making known unto us His Secret will from the eternal councils of the Triune Godhead (Eph. 1:11; 3:1-11).

- 6. The riches of His grace lavished on US-IN-CHRIST extend to His bringing us into His ALL wisdom, which tells us how to use His riches properly (prudence) (Rom. 11:33). In making known the secret of His will, He revealed His ultimate purpose for everything.
 - a. Before this, He kept it a secret (Rom. 16:25; Eph. 3:1-11).
 - b. But Now He has no secret will because He has revealed it to and through the apostleship of Paul.
 - c. We now have the FULL-knowledge of His eternal purpose and our job is to proclaim it (Eph. 3:9; 6:19), the ramifications of which effect all of Creation (Eph. 1:10; 3:10-11; Rom. 8:18-23).
 - d. Everything that begins with His Will ends with His Glory. God is self-giving and self-exalting saving us for our good and His Glory.

- 7. Real wisdom, prudence and knowledge are gifts from God (Eph. 1:8):
 - a. Col. 2:23—the world's "wisdom" is not real. It just has the appearance of wisdom.
 - b. Col. 2:3--The treasures of real wisdom and full-knowledge is hidden in Christ.

- 8. God's wise plan was to create a universe centered on Christ, and He wanted to share it with humanity who could willing enjoy it with Him.
 - a. Our redemption in Christ liberates us to do this because true wisdom takes our sights and thoughts off ourselves and places them on Christ. When we do this, we are fulfilling God's plan for the universe.
 - b. He came up with this plan, this blueprint for creation, in eternity past, before He had created anything (Titus 1:2).
 - c. Ephesians enlightens us with this plan and gives us the record of His council in eternity past because when we see how His mind works, we will praise Him and rejoice with Him in His things and ways.

Down at the cross where my Savior died Down where for cleansing from sin I cried There to my heart was the blood applied Glory to His name!

I am so wondrously saved from sin
Jesus so sweetly abides within
There at the cross where He took me in
Glory to His name!

Oh, precious fountain that saves from sin
I am so glad I have entered in
There Jesus saves and keeps me clean
Glory to His name!

Come to this fountain so rich and sweet Cast thy poor soul at the Savior's feet Plunge in today and be made complete Glory to His name!