



In Christ Alone, my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength my song.
This Cornerstone, this is solid ground,
From through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love? What depths of peace? When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.

My comforter, my all in all,

Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ Alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love, and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save.

Til on that cross, as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin, on Him was laid,
Here in the death of Christ, I live.

There in the ground, His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth, in glorious day, Up from the grave he rose again.

And as He stands, in victory,
Sin's curse has lost, it's grip on me.
For I am His, and He is mine,
Bought the precious blood of Christ!

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry, to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck, me from His hand. Til He retuns, or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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Creation and Our Inheritance

Ephesians 1:11-12

- Ephesians explains that God exalted the Lord Jesus Christ's as resurrected Man into the heavenlies FAR above all the governmental rulers of Satan's evil empire, catching them in their own trap.
 - a. And Christ took us, the Body of Christ, with Him.
 - b. He is going to use us to fill the vacant positions that will exist when He once-and-for-all removed Satan and all his cohorts from their rulership positions. He will replace them with the Body of Christ (Eph. 1:20-21)

- c. Therefore, every time Satan and his cohorts see one of their empire, an ungodly sinner on enemy status, saved and operating in accord with God and His plan...it reminds them that they were caught in their own deceptions and their complete destruction is coming. God has re-claimed His human creation from Satan.
- d. God left us down here on earth for the sole job of boldly proclaiming the Mystery of the Gospel, which powerfully takes people, things, moments of time and territory away from Satan and reclaims them for God and His Glory (Eph. 6:10-20), displaying His manifold wisdom and exceedingly great Riches of Grace (Eph. 1:7; 3:9).
- e. The fact that the Mystery is virtually unknown to most of Christianity is a testament to how successful Satan has been in hindering God's plan.

- 2. The Cross provided basis for re-centering the whole Creation IN_CHRIST—removing sins, victorious over death, freeing from Satan—which Christ rules, placing it under through 2 IN-CHRIST groups of redeemed humanity—The Nation of Israel on Earth and the Body of Christ in the Heavenlies—who willingly and freely belong to God through Christ.
 - a. God the Father delights in the wisdom and knowledge of this plan centered on His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ (Col. 2:2-3).
 - b. He wants to share that delight and joy with His new creation of redeemed humanity, a new humanity reclaimed from Satan and made His Own, who will enjoy it all together with Him in perpetual fellowship and communion, FOREVERMORE (Eph. 1:11-12, 18).

- 3. God created the universe by wisdom, understanding, knowledge, and His Wisdom dwells with prudence (Prov. 3:19-21; 8:12).
 - a. Like a human builder of a house, God had a plan, a blueprint, already in place when He began building, constructing the house of the universe (Job 38:4-7; Amos 9:6).
 - b. And His construction was good (Gen. 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31) because it was in perfect accord with His wise plan.
 - c. Everything "good" operated in accord with God. Everything that doesn't operate in accord with God is "evil," bad.

- d. When Adam and Eve ate of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, they declared their independence from God and His plan (Gen. 2:17; 3:5-6, 22—last mention of the word "good" until Genesis 15:15 in reference to Abraham's long life).
 - --They would determine what was "good" not by evaluating it next to God's plan but next to their own selfish plan in accord with their lusts of their flesh (Gen. 3:6-7).
 - --They died spiritually immediately (Gen. 3:7-13), and they died physically in the future (Gen. 5).
- 4. God created the universe to be inhabited by Himself and His created intelligent beings, who could understand and appreciate His wisdom and power, and freely worship and praise and thankful fellowship with Him there (Gen. 1-2; Is. 45:18-19).

- 5. There was a contest between God and Satan over wisdom and prudence. Who was the rightful Possessor of Heaven and Earth (Gen. 14:19), and God won hands down by keeping the Mystery a secret until He revealed it to the Apostle Paul (Eph. 3:1-11).
 - a. The Mystery explains that the Cross was not only the way God would re-claim the Earth from vanity unto His Glory through the redeemed Nation of Israel; it was also the way He would re-claim the Heavenlies unto His Glory through the redeemed humanity of the Body of Christ (Rom. 16:25; Eph. 3:1-11).

b. Through the Cross, the Lord Jesus Christ will return to being the center and focus of both the Heavenly and the Earthly realms, which God announced in the Mystery: God raised Christ from the dead, raising Him above all human powers in the earthly realm and far above the angelic realm of principality/ies, power/s, might/s, dominion/s and every name, seating Him at His own right (Eph. 1:21; Col. 1:16).

AND WE SEATED TOGETHER WITH HIM IN THE HEAVENLIES! (Eph. 2:4-6)

WE HAVE A PART IN IT!

(Eph. 2:11)

He Lives!

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.

He Lives!

In all the world around me I see His loving care,
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair;
I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast,
The day of His appearing will come at last.

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You ask me how I know He lives?

He lives within my heart.

He Lives!

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!

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Along life's narrow way.

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