



I know not why God's wondrous grace
To me He hath made known
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
Redeemed me for His own

But "I know whom I have believed And am persuaded that He is able To keep that which I've committed Unto Him against that day."

I know not how this saving faith
To me He did impart
Nor how believing in His Word
Wrought peace within my heart

But "I know whom I have believed And am persuaded that He is able To keep that which I've committed, Unto Him against that day."

I know not how the Spirit moves
Convincing men of sin
Revealing Jesus through the Word
Creating faith in Him

But "I know whom I have believed And am persuaded that He is able To keep that which I've committed Unto Him against that day."

I know not what of good or ill
May be reserved for me
Of weary days or golden days
Before His face I see

But "I know whom I have believed And am persuaded that He is able To keep that which I've committed Unto Him against that day."

I know not when my Lord may come
At night or noon-day fair
Nor if I'll walk the vale with Him
Or meet Him in the air

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IN CHRIST: Law or Love

Ephesians 1:10; Phil. 3:1-14

What does the Bible mean when it refers to "LAW"?

- a. Rom. 6:14—one of those places where we must correct the KJV with multiplicity. Paul doesn't say we are not under THE Law—Moral, social, ceremonial. He says we are not under LAW we are under GRACE (NKJV).
- b. Paul's point is not that we are not under THE Law (of Moses), as true as that is. But that we are not under LAW as means of approach to God. We are not under a LAW SYSTEM.
- d. The Mosaic Law, of course, is the mother of all law systems, the only one drawn up by God. Therefore, if it is true of it, it is obviously true for all lesser Gentile, church, denominational, etc. law systems as well.

The traditional way of teaching is to say well, we are not under the social and ceremonial laws, but we are under the Moral Law (the 10 commandments).

a. But this isn't what God and Paul say. They say we are not under LAW—we do not approach God through a law system of works according to the flesh. We are under a Grace (Pauline) System whereby we approach God by faith through Christ and the Holy Spirit. b. Israel at Sinai rejected the Grace System God provided to them (the Grace Resident in His I AM Jehovah Name) entered a LAW SYSTEM with Him instead whereby He would bless for obedience and curse them for disobedience. They failed miserably, this one-time experiment was over, and God never put any other people under that or any other LAW SYSTEM —not even <u>under</u> the Moral Law.

Because of the moral compass and consciousness of God that God gave to His human creation, they knew it was wrong to murder and lie and commit adultery before the Sinai. God made these things known to them. But it wasn't until Sinai that He codified these commands by incorporating them into a LAW SYSTEM that turned them into chargeable offenses that sentenced, condemned and put to death.

We see a teaching example of this in the Exodus.

- a. Ex. 15:26—The LORD explains a LAW SYSTEM. If you DO, then I will bless Israel by not putting the diseases of Egypt on them. Of course, the corollary is that if they DO NOT DO, He would curse them by putting those diseases upon them.
- b. Ex. 16:4, 19-20, 26-28—God gave them 2 commandments about collecting manna. As a group they failed to do what God told them to do.
 - --Did anything happen to them? No, because God hadn't codified those commands into a LAW SYSTEM that operates by blessing for obedience and curses for disobedience.
 - --God and Moses rebuked them, but that was it.

- c. According to Ex. 15:26, IF they were under a LAW SYSTEM, it would have called on God to bring the diseases of Egypt on them.
- d. What God is trying to teach them is to never go under a LAW SYSTEM through the flesh as a means of approach to Him!
 - --Of course, they didn't learn this lesson and went under the Mosaic Law System according to the flesh (We will do all You say!) and spent the next 1500 years under the curses of the Law (SYSTEM) that destroyed the Nation and required their Messiah King to be hung on a tree so that He could take their curses onto Himself, removing them, thereby providing for Israel's NATIONAL salvation and NATIONAL forgiveness of sins.

Back to Rom. 6:14—Paul is stating that we do not approach God through a LAW SYSTEM (not Moses's or anyone else's!), which depend on us and what we do through the flesh.

--We approach God through a GRACE SYSTEM—for us, Pauline Grace—which depends on Christ and His work for us on the Cross, which we access through the S/spirit by faith. IN CHRIST, we have been called to the liberty of being enabled to serve God by serving others in Love—not considering our own things but the things of others unto their edification--that comes from walking in the Spirit in accord with Pauline Grace not the flesh in accord with the Law (Gal. 5:6, 13-14; Phil. 2:3-4).

- a. The Love Pauline Grace accomplishes and provides is infinitely greater than the Love the Law called for because it is not based on us doing the works of the Law through the power of the flesh! Rather, it is based on Christ's work for us on the Cross and the power of the Holy Spirit!! Why would you want to go back to the former!
- b. The Law calls for much less and accomplishes nothing. Grace calls for much more and accomplishes it through Christ.

IN MY HEART THERE RINGS A MELODY

I have a song that Jesus gave me
It was sent from heav'n above
There never was a sweeter melody
'Tis a melody of love

Chorus:

In my heart there rings a melody
There rings a melody
with heaven's harmony
In my heart there rings a melody
There rings a melody of love

IN MY HEART THERE RINGS A MELODY

I love the Christ who died on Calv'ry
For He washed my sins away
He put within my heart a melody
And I know it's there to stay

Chorus:

In my heart there rings a melody
There rings a melody
with heaven's harmony
In my heart there rings a melody
There rings a melody of love

IN MY HEART THERE RINGS A MELODY

'Twill be my endless theme in glory
With the angels I will sing
'Twill be a song with glorious harmony
When the courts of heaven ring

Chorus:

In my heart there rings a melody
There rings a melody
with heaven's harmony
In my heart there rings a melody
There rings a melody of love