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Words of Welcome

Psalm 5:7-8 (ESV)

7 But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.

8 Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.

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Scripture Reading

2 John 1:1-13 (ESV)

- 1 The elder to the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all who know the truth,
- 2 because of the truth that abides in us and will be with us forever:
- 3 Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.
- 4 I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father.
- 5 And now I ask you, dear lady-- not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but the one we have had from the beginning-- that we love one another.
- 6 And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, so that you should walk in it.
- 7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist.
- 8 Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward.
- 9 Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.
- 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting,
- 11 for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works.
- 12 Though I have much to write to you, I would rather not use paper and ink. Instead I hope to come to you and talk face to face, so that our joy may be complete.
- 13 The children of your elect sister greet you.

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All I Have Is Christ

Verse 1:

I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still

Verse 2:

But as I ran my hell bound race indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace

Chorus:

Hallelujah all I have is Christ
Hallelujah Jesus is my life

Verse 3:

Now Lord I would be Yours alone and live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me
O Father use my ransomed life in any way You choose
And let my song forever be my only boast is You

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Grace Alone

Verse 1

I was an orphan, lost at the fall; Running away when I'd hear You call,
But Father, You worked Your will.
I had no righteousness of my own; I had no right to draw near Your throne,
But Father, You loved me still.

Chorus 1

And in love, before You laid the world's foundation,
You predestined to adopt me as Your own.
You have raised me up so high above my station;
I'm a child of God by grace, and grace alone.

Verse 2

You left your home to seek out the lost; You knew the great and terrible cost
But Jesus, Your face was set.
I worked my fingers down to the bone; But nothing I did could ever atone,
But Jesus, You paid my debt.

Chorus 2

By Your blood I have redemption and salvation.
Lord You died that I might reap what You have sown,
And You rose that I might be a new creation.
I am born again by grace, and grace alone.

Bridge

I was darkness all of my life, I never knew the day from the night,
But Spirit, You made me see.
I swore I knew the way on my own; Head full of rocks, a heart made of stone
But Spirit, You moved in me.

Chorus 3

And at Your touch my sleeping spirit was awakened;
On my darkened heart the light of Christ has shone.
Called into a kingdom that cannot shaken;
Heaven's citizen by grace, and grace alone.

Tag

So I'll stand in faith by grace, and grace alone
I will run the race by grace, and grace alone
I will slay my sin by grace, and grace alone
I will reach the end by grace, and grace alone

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Lord I Need You

Verse 1:

Lord I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus:

Lord, I need You, oh I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You

Verse 2:

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Yes, where You are Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Bridge:

So, teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

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New City Catechism

13: Can Anyone Keep the Law of God Perfectly?

Full Answer

Since the fall, no mere human has been able to keep the law of God perfectly, but consistently breaks it in thought, word, and deed.

Children's Answer

Since the fall, no human has been able to keep the law of God perfectly.

Scripture

ROMANS 3:10–12

None is righteous, no, not one;
no one understands;
no one seeks for God.
All have turned aside;
together they have become worthless;
no one does good,
not even one.

Commentary

JOHN OWEN

As a traveler, in his way meeting with a violent storm of thunder and rain, immediately turns out of his way to some house or tree for his shelter; but yet this causeth him not to give over his journey; so soon as the storm is over he returns to his way and progress again. So it is with men in bondage to sin: the law meets with them in a storm of thunder and lightning from heaven, terrifies and hinders them in their way; this turns them for a season out of their course; they will run to prayer or amendment of life, for some shelter from the storm of wrath which is feared coming upon their consciences. But is their course stopped? Are their principles altered? Not at all; so soon as the storm is over . . . they return to their former course, in the service of sin again.

Never let us reckon that our work in contending against sin, in crucifying, mortifying, and subduing of it, is at an end. The place of its habitation is unsearchable; and when we may think that we have thoroughly won the field, there is still some reserve remaining that we saw not, that we knew not of. Many conquerors have been ruined by their carelessness after a victory; and many have been spiritually wounded after great successes against this enemy. . . . There is no way for us to pursue sin in its unsearchable habitation but by being endless in our pursuit.

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Lord From Sorrows Deep I Call

Verse 1:

Lord, from sorrows deep I call
When my hope is shaken;
Torn and ruined from the fall,
Hear my desperation.
For so long I've pled and prayed,
"God, come to my rescue!"
Even so, the thorn remains;
Still my heart will praise You.

Verse 2:

Storms within my troubled soul,
Questions without answers;
On my faith those billows roll—
God be now my shelter.
Why are you cast down my soul?
Hope in Him who saves you.
When the fires have all grown cold,
Cause this heart to praise You.

Verse 3:

Should my life be torn from me,
Ev'ry worldly pleasure;
When all I possess is grief,
God be then my treasure.
Be my vision in the night;
Be my hope and refuge.
'Til my faith is turned to sight,
Lord my heart will praise You.

Ending:

Oh, my soul, put your hope in God,
My help, my rock, I will praise Him.
Sing, oh sing, through the raging storm;
You're still my God, my salvation.
Oh, my soul, put your hope in God,
My help, my rock, I will praise Him.
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There Is a Fountain

Verse 1

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel's veins
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains

Verse 2

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day
And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away
Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away
And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins away

Verse 3

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its power
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more
Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more

Verse 4

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die

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Benediction

Philippians 4:7 (ESV)

7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.