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Words of Welcome

Psalm 98:7-9 (ESV)

7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!

8 Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together

9 before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

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Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:1-14 (ESV)

- 1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:
- 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,
- 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love
- 5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,
- 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.
- 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,
- 8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight
- 9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ
- 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.
- 11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,
- 12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.
- 13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,
- 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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Holy, Holy, Holy

Verse 1:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy merciful and mighty
God in three Persons blessed Trinity

Verse 2:

Holy, holy, holy all the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns around a glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee
Which wert and art and ever more shalt be

Verse 3:

Holy, holy, holy though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power in love and purity

Verse 4:

Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy merciful and mighty
God in three Persons blessed Trinity

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Come Thou Almighty King

Verse 1:

Come, Thou Almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise.
Father, all glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

Verse 2:

Come, Thou incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend:
Come, and Thy people bless,
And give Thy word success;
Spirit of holiness,
On us descend.

Chorus:

All glory be to the Father,
All glory be to the Son,
All glory be to the Spirit,
The blessed three in One.

Verse 3:

Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour:
Thou who Almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

Verse 4:

To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore.
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

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And Can It Be

Verse 1:

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love, how can it be
That Thou, my God shouldst die for me?

Chorus:

Amazing love, how can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me

Verse 2:

He left His Father's throne above
So free, so infinite His grace
Emptied Himself in matchless love
And bled for Adam's helpless race
Tis mercy all immense and free
For, O my God, it found out me

Verse 3:

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray
I woke - the dungeon flamed with light
My chains fell off, my heart was free
I rose, went forth, and followed thee

Verse 4:

No condemnation now I dread
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine
Alive in Him, my living Head
And clothed in righteousness divine
Bold I approach the eternal throne
And claim the crown, through Christ my own

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New City Catechism

27: Are All People, Just as They Were Lost Through Adam, Saved Through Christ?

Full Answer

No, only those who are elected by God and united to Christ by faith. Nevertheless God in his mercy demonstrates common grace even to those who are not elect, by restraining the effects of sin and enabling works of culture for human well-being.

Children's Answer

No, only those who are elected by God and united to Christ by faith.

Scripture

ROMANS 5:17

For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Commentary

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Common grace is the term applied to those general blessings which God imparts to all men and women indiscriminately as He pleases, not only to His own people, but to all men and women, according to His own will. Or, again, common grace means those general operations of the Holy Spirit in which, without renewing the heart, He exercises a moral influence whereby sin is restrained, order is maintained in social life, and civil righteousness is promoted. That is the general definition. The Holy Spirit has been operative in this world from the very beginning and He has had His influence and His effect upon men and women who are not saved and who have gone to perdition. While they were in this life and world they came under these general, non-saving operations of the Holy Spirit. . . . It is not a saving influence, nor is it a redemptive influence, but it is a part of God's purpose. . . . If the Holy Spirit were not operative in men and women in this general way, human beings, as a result of the Fall and of sin, would have festered away into oblivion long ago. . . . Next to that is what is generally described as culture. By that I mean arts and science, an interest in the things of the mind, literature, architecture, sculpture, painting, and music. Now, there can be no question at all but that cultivation of the arts is good. It is not redemptive, but it improves people, it makes them live better lives. Now, where do all these things come from? How do you explain men like Shakespeare or Michelangelo? The answer from the Scripture is that all these people had their gifts and were able to exercise them as the result of the operation of common grace, this general influence of the Holy Spirit.

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Precious Jesus

Chorus:

I remember you, Precious Jesus I remember you,
Healer of my heart, lover of my soul

Verse 1:

On your sacred head
Crown of thorns pressed on your sacred head
Mighty King of the universe Merciful Lamb
For my sin you suffered and bled
Still, Father forgive them they don't understand
Sweet Savior I heard what you said

Bridge:

As we drink from the cup of salvation, your blood
We remember the way that you suffered, for us

Verse 2:

Risen from the grave
Christ immortal risen from the grave
At Jerusalem's gate how you wept for the lost
Even as palm branches waived
When you proved how you loved us on Calvary's cross
And rose up on the third day
So all who believed might be saved, yes and...

Ending:

We remember you, Precious Jesus, we remember you
Jesus, we love you, Precious Savior, Jesus, we love you
Jesus, we love you, Precious Savior, Jesus, we love you
Healer of our hearts, lover of our souls

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Sermon: God's Aseity

Exodus 3:1-15 (ESV)

- 1 Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.
- 2 And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed.
- 3 And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned."
- 4 When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."
- 5 Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."
- 6 And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.
- 7 Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings,
- 8 and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.
- 9 And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them.
- 10 Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."
- 11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?"
- 12 He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."
- 13 Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?"
- 14 God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"
- 15 God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

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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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Benediction

2 Peter 1:2 (ESV)

2 May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.