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Words of Welcome

Psalm 67:1-3 (ESV)

1 May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah
2 that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.
3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

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Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:25-32 (ESV)

- 25 Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.
- 26 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,
- 27 and give no opportunity to the devil.
- 28 Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.
- 29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.
- 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
- 31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.
- 32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

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Praise to the Lord (Joyful, Joyful)

Verse 1

Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of creation
O my soul praise Him
For He is your Health and Salvation
Come all who hear now to His Temple draw near
Join me in glad adoration

Verse 2

Praise to the Lord
Above all things so wondrously reigning
Shelt'ring you under his wings
And so gently sustaining
Have you not seen? All that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining

Verse 3

Praise to the Lord
Who will prosper your work and defend you
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriends you

Chorus

Joyful joyful we adore Thee
God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee
Op'ning to the sun above

Verse 4

Praise to the Lord oh let all that is in me adore Him
All that has life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the amen sound from His people again
Glady forever adore Him

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I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Verse 1:

I sing the mighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

Verse 2:

I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food.
He formed the creatures with His Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Your wonders are displayed, wherever I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

Verse 3:

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes Your glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Your throne;
While all that borrows life from You is ever in Your care;
And everywhere that man can be, You, God, are present there.

Verse 4:

In heaven He shines with beams of love, with wrath in hell beneath;
It's on His earth I stand or move, and it's His air I breathe.
His hand is my perpetual guard, He keeps me with His eye;
Why should I then forget the Lord, Who is forever nigh?

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The Lord Almighty Reigns

Verse 1:

There's an endless song waiting to be sung
With the voice of every tribe, the sound of every tongue
When the bride of Christ on that day of days
Brings with joy unto the land a multitude of praise
And like the roar of mighty seas and rolls of thunder
Hear His people sing:

Chorus:

Hallelujah, hallelujah, for the Lord Almighty reigns
Hallelujah, hallelujah, for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns

Verse 2:

We will join the feast, rest from battles won
Tell with great rejoicing all the wonders God has done
And like the roar of mighty seas and rolls of thunder
All the church will sing:

Chorus:

Hallelujah, hallelujah, for the Lord Almighty reigns
Hallelujah, hallelujah, for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns

Verse 3:

Certain of that day, Christ we will proclaim,
Oh, that more would share the prize, salvation in His name.
Then greater will the anthem ring
A mighty chorus rising to the King:

Chorus (Alt):

Hallelujah, hallelujah, for the Lord Almighty reigns
Hallelujah, hallelujah, for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns
Hallelujah, hallelujah, for the Lord Almighty reigns
Hallelujah, hallelujah, for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns

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New City Catechism

35: Since We Are Redeemed by Grace Alone, Through Faith Alone, Where Does This Faith Come From?

Full Answer

All the gifts we receive from Christ we receive through the Holy Spirit, including faith itself.

Children's Answer

From the Holy Spirit.

Scripture

TITUS 3:4–6

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Commentary

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We must realize that Christianity is the easiest religion in the world, because it is the only religion in which God the Father and Christ and the Holy Spirit do everything. God is the Creator; we have nothing to do with our existence, or the existence of other things. We can shape other things, but we cannot change the fact of existence. We do nothing for our salvation because Christ did it all. We do not have to do anything. In every other religion we have to do something . . . but with Christianity we do not do anything; God has done it all: He has created us and He has sent His Son; His Son died and because the Son is infinite, therefore he bears our total guilt. We do not need to bear our guilt, nor do we even have to merit the merit of Christ. He does it all. So in one way it is the easiest religion in the world.

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Show Us Christ

Verse 1:

Prepare our hearts, O God
Help us to receive
Break the hard and stony ground
Help our unbelief
Plant Your Word down deep in us
Cause it to bear fruit
Open up our ears to hear
Lead us in Your truth

Chorus:

Show us Christ, show us Christ
O God, reveal Your glory
Through the preaching of Your Word
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord

Verse 2:

Your Word is living light
Upon our darkened eyes
Guards us through temptations
Makes the simple wise
Your Word is food for famished ones
Freedom for the slave
Riches for the needy soul
Come speak to us today

Bridge:

Where else can we go, Lord
Where else can we go
You have the words of eternal life
Where else can we go, Lord
Where else can we go
You have the words of eternal life

Chorus:

Show us Christ, show us Christ
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Sermon: Blessed Are Those Who Wait for Him
Isaiah 30:1-31:9 (ESV)

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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

Verse 5

When this poor, lisp'ing, stamm'ring tongue, lies silent in the grave,
Then in a nobler, sweeter song, I'll sing Thy pow'r to save:
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save, I'll sing Thy pow'r to save;
Then in a nobler, sweeter song, I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.

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Benediction

1 Peter 4:8-11 (ESV)

8 Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.

9 Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.

10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

11 whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies-- in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.