

The Songs we Sing - Yet not I but through Christ in me

May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Psalm 19:14

Jesus knows when we are lying, even when those lies have a catchy melody and a rockin' rhythm.

What gift of Grace is Jesus my redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give.

we were by nature deserving of wrath. 4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, Ephesians 2:3-9

3 Great Realties

- 1. We were dead in our sins and deserving of wrath.**
- 2. We are raised up with Christ and God has a place in heaven for us.**
- 3. We are saved to a life of good works here on earth.**

Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. Romans 4:4

A million acts of goodness can't bring us any closer to God because it is our sinful condition that separate us from Him and not our particular sins.

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, John 3:16a

To this I hold, my shepherd will defend me, through the deepest valley He will lead.

1 The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, 3 he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; Psalm 23:1-4

“You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth.”

34 But David said to Saul, “Your servant has been keeping his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, 35 I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. 36 Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. 37 The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.” 1 Samuel 17:33-37

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
John 10:1

12 The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. 13 The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

14 “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. John 10:12-15

Our shepherd and defender stands between us and death because He owns us.

8 The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.” Deuteronomy 31:8

Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me.

I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:11-13

Dissatisfaction in life stems from an overall dissatisfaction with God.

If we are not content with Christ in our greatest times of abundance then we will never be content with Him in our times of need.