

Women's Conference

# Called to Endure (with Joy)

"Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." *Hebrews 12:1-3*

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**Cameron Dodd**

**September 6 & 7, 2019**  
Friday 7pm - 9pm & Saturday 9am - 3pm



# Conference Schedule

## *Friday*

### **Session One**

7:00 - 9:00

Worship Center

## *Saturday*

### **Coffee**

8:30 - 9:00

Narthex

### **Session Two**

9:00 - 10:30

Worship Center

### **Session Three**

10:45 - 12:00

Worship Center

### **Lunch**

12:00 - 1:15

NGM Wing

### **Session Four**

1:15 - 3:00

Worship Center



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## Session 1 - Suffering's Place in God's Great Plan

Friday Night, September 6, 2019

### INTRODUCTION:

#### I. God's OT announcements of His plan to suffer.

- [Genesis 3:15](#)
- [Psalm 2:1-3](#)
- [Psalm 22:1, 18](#)
- [Psalm 118:22](#)
- [Isaiah 49:5-7](#)
- [Isaiah 50:4-9](#)
- [Isaiah 52:14: 53:3, 5, 7-8, 10-12](#)
- [Zechariah 12:10](#)
- [Zechariah 13:7](#)
- [1 Peter 1:10-13](#)

## II. Jesus' commitment to those OT announcements.

- Mark 9:12
- Mark 14:21
- Matthew 26:54, 56; Mark 14:49
- Luke 24:26-27, 45-46

## III. Jesus' announcements of His impending suffering.

- Matthew 16:21-23; Mark 8:31-33
- Matthew 17:12
- Matthew 17:22-23; Mark 9:31; Luke 9:44
- Matthew 20:17-19; Mark 10:33-34
- Matthew 20:22; Mark 10:38
- Matthew 21:35-41; Mark 12:7-8; Luke 20:13-15
- Luke 22:15
- Matthew 26:39, 42, 44-45, 48-50; Mark 14:34, 36, 43-44, 46; Luke 22:42, 44, 48, 54; John 18:11

#### **IV. Jesus' suffering prior to His trial and cross.**

- Luke 2:34-35; Matthew 2:13; Revelation 12:4; Luke 4:28-29; 5:21; Matthew 10:25; 12:24, 27; Mark 2:7; 3:22; Luke 11:15; John 7:20, 34; 8:48, 52; 10:20, 33; John 8:13; Matthew 8:20; Luke 9:58; Matthew 12:10; 16:1; 19:3; Mark 3:2, 6; 10:2; 12:13; Luke 11:16; Matthew 13:56; Mark 6:3; Luke 7:23; John 4:44; 8:49; Mark 3:21; Matthew 21:46; Mark 12:12; 14:1; Luke 20:20, 23; John 8:20; 10:39; 11:57; Matthew 22:18; Luke 6:7, 11; 11:53-54; 13:14; John 3:20; 5:16; 7:1, 7, 19, 23, 25, 30, 32, 44; 8:37, 40, 59; 10:31, 33; 11:8, 53; 15:18, 23-25; Matthew 26:15-16, 21-25, 38; Mark 14:10-11, 18, 34; John 6:64, 71; 12:4, 27; 13:2, 21; 12:37; 16:9. The sufferings summarized (this is what He had to suffer):
- Simeon said His birth was "a sign to be opposed;" "Herod searched to destroy Him;" "the dragon might devour the child;" at Nazareth they were filled with rage, drove Him out of the city to throw Him down a cliff; they said He is a blasphemer; they said He casts out demons by Beelzebul; they said He is a Samaritan and has a demon; they said He is insane; they said He is a gluttonous man and a drunkard; they said His testimony is not true; He said the Son of Man has no where to lay His head; they falsely accused Him; they tested Him maliciously; they conspired to destroy Him; they tried to trap Him; they dishonored Him; they said He has lost His senses; they were not believing Him; they sought to seize Him; they watched and spied on Him to catch Him; they wanted to seize Him by stealth and kill Him; they were very hostile toward Him; they plotted against Him; they were persecuting Jesus; they hated Him without a cause; they picked up stones to stone Him; Judas planned to betray Him to the religious leadership; His soul was deeply grieved to the point of death; His soul was troubled; He was troubled in spirit.

#### **V. Jesus' suffering at His trial and cross.**

- The Gospel accounts of His sufferings at His trial and cross: Matthew 26:65-67; 27:1, 2, 13, 22-23, 26, 29-31, 34-35, 39-44, 46, 50; Mk 14:55, 57, 64-65; 15: 1, 3, 4, 10, 13-15, 18-20, 23-26, 29, 31-32, 34; Luke 23:21, 23, 25, 33, 35-36; John 18:22, 30, 32; 19:1-3, 6-7, 15-16, 18, 23, 28-30, 34, 37. The sufferings summarized (this is what He had to suffer):
- They accused Him of blaspheming; they spat in His face; He received slaps in the face; they beat Him with their fists; they accused Him harshly; they bound Him; they delivered Him to Pilate; they handed Him over for envy; they yelled "Crucify Him"; they scourged Him; they crowned Him with thorns; they mocked Him with a purple robe, bowing down before Him; they beat Him on the head with a reed; they crucified Him; they hurled abuse at Him on the cross; they sneered at Him; He refused wine mixed with gall and/or myrrh (would not allow the pain to be blunted); they insulted Him; He knew He was "forsaken" by God; He cried out with a loud voice; He cried "It is finished;" they pierced His side.

- The way that other/more NT writers described His suffering at the cross: Philippians 2:6-8
- Hebrews 2:9-10
- Hebrews 5:7-8
- Hebrews 12:2-3
- Revelation 1:7

## **VI. The apostles' affirmations of God's OT plan for Christ's suffering.**

- Acts 2:23
- Acts 3:18
- Acts 4:11, 26-28
- Acts 13:27, 29
- Acts 17:2-3
- Acts 26:22-23

## VII. The believer's benefits from Christ's suffering.

- Isaiah 53:4-8, 10-12; Matthew 26:27-28; Luke 24:46-47; John 1:29; 12:32-33; 19:30; Acts 3:18-20; Acts 4:11-12; Romans 3:24-26; 4:25; 5:9-10; 6:5-6, 8; 8:32, 33-39; 14:9; 1 Corinthians 1:18; 2 Corinthians 1:5; 5:14-15, 19, 21; 8:9; Galatians 1:4; 2:20; 3:13-14; 6:14-15; Ephesians 1:7; 2:13-16; 5:25-27; Colossians 1:13-14; 2:13-14, 20, 22-23; 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10; 1 Timothy 1:15; 2:5-6; Titus 2:14; Hebrews 1:3; 2:14-18; 4:15; 7:26-27; 9:12, 14, 26, 28; 10:14, 19-22; 13:12, 20-21; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 2:21, 24; 3:18; 1 John 1:7; 2:2; 4:9-10; Revelation 1:5; 5:9-10. These benefits summarized:
- We have been drawn to God because He was lifted up at the cross; the salvation work we needed is finished (nothing left for us or anyone else to contribute); our griefs and sorrows are borne/taken away; we don't have to be pierced through for our own transgressions; we don't have to be crushed for our iniquities; we don't have to be chastened; we are healed; our iniquity is taken away; we don't have to receive the stroke that is due us; our guilt is taken away; God's wrath is satisfied; we are justified (by His blood); declared righteous; we have forgiveness of sins; our sin is taken away/wiped away; our sins are not counted against us; we are spiritually rich through His poverty at the cross; we are rescued from this present evil age; God publicly demonstrated His righteousness; we are not delivered over to judgment because of our transgressions; we are saved from wrath; we are reconciled; we are united with Him in His death; our old self was crucified; our body of sin is done away with in that we are no longer slaves to sin; we no longer live for self; Christ lives in us; we have been freely given all things necessary; we are not chargeable, condemnable; we have an Intercessor; we are inseparable from Christ; we are loved; we overwhelmingly conquer no matter how dire the circumstances are; we are loved; we have comfort in abundance; we have been redeemed from the curse of the law; we do not have to bear the curse; the blessing of Abraham is ours; we are brought near to God; we are united with others in a body, a new man; all horizontal (and vertical) barriers are broken down; the enmity tied to the law is undone; peace has been established (vertically/horizontally in the church); we are loved; we are sanctified; we are cleansed with His word; we are presented spotless, blameless in all our glory (as a body to Christ); we are holy; we are rescued from the domain of darkness and transferred into His kingdom; the certificate of debt with decrees against us and all hostility against us in judgment is canceled out; we have the only power effective against fleshly indulgences; we are not destined for wrath but for obtaining salvation; we have a Mediator; we are ransomed; we are redeemed from every lawless deed; we are purified to be a part of His unique people; we are zealous for good deeds; we have purification for our sins; the devil has been rendered powerless regarding death; we are freed from the fear of death; we have a merciful and faithful and sympathetic High Priest who is able to aid in our temptations; we have the once and for all sacrifice needed; we have eternal redemption; we have a cleansed conscience; we are confident to enter the holy place; we can draw near to God with a sincere heart and full assurance of faith; our hearts are sprinkled clean, evil conscience cleansed, body washed; we are loved and released from our sins by His blood; we are purchased and brought into a kingdom of priests; we will reign; repentance for forgiveness of sins can be announced; our message of His cross (suffering) is the power of God; we have a message of reconciliation entrusted to us, AND
- We have an example for suffering for us to follow, 1 Peter 2:21



## VIII. Christ's plan for our own suffering.

- Matthew 5:4, 10-12, 39-45; 9:15; 10:14, 16-23, 24-25, 28, 34-36, 38-39; 16:24-25; 19:27-29; 20:22-23; 23:34-37; 24:9-14, 22; Mark 2:20; 6:11; 8:34-35; 10:28-30, 38-39; 13:9-13; Luke 2:34-35; 5:29-30; 6:22-23, 27-30; 9:23-24; 10:10, 16; 12:4, 11-12, 51-53; 13:34; 18:28-30; 21:12-19; 22:31-32; John 9:22, 34; 12:10-11, 42; 15:18-21; 16:2-4, 33; 17:14-16; 21:18-19; Acts 2:13; 4:1-3, 9, 18, 21; 5:17-18, 27, 33, 40-41; 6:9, 11-13; 7:54, 57-60; 8:1, 3; 9:1-2, 5, 13-14, 16, 21, 23-26, 29; 12:1-4; 13:8, 45, 50-51; 14:2, 5-6, 19, 22; 16:19-25, 37; 17:5-9, 13, 18, 32; 18:6, 9-11, 12-17; 19:9, 23-29; 20:1, 3, 19, 22-23, 29-30; 21:4, 11-14, 27, 30-33; 22:4-5, 19-20, 24-25; 23:2, 10, 12-16, 21, 27, 29; 24:5, 9; 25:7, 15, 18; 26:9-12, 14-15, 17-18, 21, 24; 27:10, 14-44; 28:17-18; Romans 5:3-5; 8:16-18, 36-37; 11:2-4; 12:12, 14, 17-21; 1 Corinthians 4:11-13; 16:8-9; 2 Corinthians 1:3-7, 8-11; 4:7-12, 16-18; 5:1-5; 6:3-10; 7:4-6; 11:23-33; 12:7-10; Galatians 1:23; 5:11; Ephesians 4:1; 6:20; Philippians 1:7, 12-14, 20-21, 28-30; 2:17, 25-30; 3:10-11; 4:12; Colossians 1:24; 2:1; 4:3-4, 10; 1 Thessalonians 1:6-7; 2:2-3, 9, 14-16; 3:3-4, 7; 2 Thessalonians 1:4-8; 3:2; 1 Timothy 1:13; 2 Timothy 1:8, 12, 15-18; 3:10-12; 4:5-6, 10, 14-15, 16-17; Philemon 1, 13; Hebrews 10:32-39; 11:24-27, 35-40; 13:3, 23; James 1:2-4, 12; 5:4-6, 10-11, 13; 1 Peter 1:6-7; 2:12, 18-21; 3:13-17; 4:1-2, 4, 12-19; 5:9-10; 2 Peter 2:3; 3:1; 3 John 10; Revelation 1:9; 2:3, 9-11, 13; 6:9-11; 7:14-17; 11:7-12; 12:10-11, 13, 15, 17; 13:7; 14:12-13; 16:5-6; 17:6; 18:24; 20:4-6, 9; 21:4-7. Consider these specifically:
- Matthew 10:34-36; Luke 12:51-53
- Matthew 10:16; Acts 18:9-11; 26:17-18; Romans 8:36-37; 1 Corinthians 16:8-9; 2 Thessalonians 3:2
- Matthew 5:11; 10:17-18, 21-22; 24:9; Mark 13:9, 13; Luke 6:22; 21:12; Acts 4:18; 5:28, 40-41; 9:15-16; 26:9; 2 Corinthians 4:11; Philippians 1:29; 1 Peter 4:14; Revelation 2:3
- John 15:18-21; 17:14-16; Matthew 10:24-25
- Matthew 10:38-39; 16:24-25; Mark 8:34-35; Luke 9:23-24
- Acts 9:5; 26:14-15
- 1 Peter 2:21; 1 Thessalonians 1:6-7; 2:14
- Romans 8:17; 2 Corinthians 1:5; 4:10-11; Philippians 3:10-11; Colossians 1:24; 1 Peter 4:13
- Matthew 5:4; 16:24-25; Mark 8:34-35; Luke 9:23-24; Acts 27:10, 14-44; Romans 5:3-5; 8:35; 12:12; 1 Corinthians 4:11-13; 2 Corinthians 4:16-17; 5:1-5; 6:3-10; 7:4-6; 11:23-33; 12:7-10; Philippians 2:25-30; 4:12; 2 Timothy 4:5; 1 Peter 1:6-7

- Matthew 5:4, 10-12; Luke 6:22-23; Acts 5:41; 16:25; Romans 5:3-5; 12:14-15; 2 Corinthians 1:3-5; 6:10; Colossians 1:24; 1 Thessalonians 1:6; Hebrews 10:34; James 1:2, 12; 5:11; 1 Peter 3:14; 4:14; Revelation 14:13
- Matthew 24:13, 22; Mark 13:13; Luke 21:19; 16:33; Acts 14:22; Romans 8:37; 12:12, 21; 1 Corinthians 4:12; 2 Corinthians 1:6; 4:16; 6:4; Philippians 1:14; 1 Thessalonians 2:14; 2 Thessalonians 1:4; 2 Timothy 1:12; 3:10-11; 4:5; Hebrews 10:32, 36-39; 11:24-25, 27; James 1:2-4, 12; 5:10-11; 1 Peter 2:19-20; 5:9-10; Revelation 1:9; 2:3, 10-11; 12:11; 14:12; 21:7
- Matthew 5:44-45; Romans 5:3-5; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4; 4:17; 12:7-10; Philippians 1:12-14; James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 1:6-7; 4:1-2; 5:9-10
- Matthew 5:44-45; 10:39; 16:25; 19:28-29; Mark 8:35; 10:29-30; Luke 6:22-23; 9:24; Acts 14:22; Romans 8:18, 21, 23; 2 Corinthians 5:1-5; Philippians 1:21, 23; 2 Thessalonians 1:4-10; 2 Timothy 1:12; 1 Peter 1:6-7; 5:9-10; Revelation 6:9-11; 7:13-17; 14:12-13; 20:4-6; 21:3-7

## **CONCLUSIONS:**

From, "Suffering and the Sovereignty of God" (chapter 3 - 'The Purposes of God in Suffering'), Piper, Taylor (general editors)

*"... suffering is an essential part of the created universe in which the greatness of the glory of the grace of God can be most fully revealed. Suffering is an essential part of the tapestry of the universe so that the weaving of grace can be seen for what it really is." 82*

*"... This was the moment - Good Friday - for which everything in the universe was planned." 82*

*"All who dwell on earth will worship [the beast], everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb that was slain.' That is a good, careful, literal translation. This means that before the world was created there was book called the book of life of the Lamb that was slain. The Lamb is Jesus Christ crucified. The book is the book of Jesus Christ crucified. Therefore, before God made the world He had in view Jesus Christ slain, and He had in view a people purchased but His blood written in the book. Therefore, the suffering of Jesus was not at afterthought, as though the work of creation did not go the way God planned. ... The slaying of the Lamb was in view before the work of creation began." 82-83*

*"... The aim of creation is the fullest, clearest, surest display of the greatness of the glory of the grace of God. And that display would be the slaughter of the best Being in the universe for millions of undeserving sinners. The suffering and death of the Lamb of God in history is the best possible display of the glory of the grace of God. That is why God planned it before the foundation of the world." 83*

*Consider Revelation 5:9-12. "The hosts of heaven focus their worship not simply on the Lamb, but on the 'Lamb who was slain.' And they are still singing this song in Revelation 15:3. Therefore we can conclude that the centerpiece of worship in heaven for all eternity will be the display of the glory of the grace of God in the slaughtered Lamb. Angels and all the redeemed will sing of the suffering of the Lamb forever and ever. The suffering of the Son of God will never be forgotten. The greatest suffering in history will be at the center of our worship and our wonder forever and ever. This is not an afterthought of God. This is the plan from before the foundation of the world. Everything else is subordinate to this plan. Everything else is put in place for the sake of this plan: the display of the greatness of the glory of the grace of God in the suffering of the Beloved is the goal of the creation and the goal of all history. ... Do you see what this implies about sin and suffering in the universe? According to this divine plan, God permits sin to enter the world. God ordains that what He hates will come to pass. It is not sin in God to will that there be sin." 85*

*"When sin entered the world, horrible, horrible things followed. Diseases, defect, disabilities, natural catastrophes, human atrocities - from the youngest infant to the oldest codger, from the vilest scoundrel to the sweetest saint - suffering is no respecter of persons." 86*

*"He ordains that suffering come - 'though He cause grief' (Lam 3:32-33) - but His delight is not in the suffering, but in the great purpose of creation: the display of the glory of the grace of God in the suffering of Christ for the salvation of sinners. The stage has been set. The drama of redemptive history begins to unfold. Sin is now in its full and deadly force. Suffering and death are present and ready to consume the Son of God when He comes. All things are now in place for the greatest possible display of the glory of the grace of God." 86*

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## Session 2 - <With Joy!>

*Saturday Morning, September 7, 2019*

### INTRODUCTION:

I. In His goodness and wisdom, God is often pleased to provide endurance, rather than escape, for His saints in the midst of trials.

II. Joseph

- a. Desired escape from his circumstances for thirteen years.
- b. God's comfort for Joseph: His plan.

### **III. Elijah**

- a. Desired escape to the point of asking God to take his life.
- b. God's comfort for Elijah: His presence.

### **IV. Paul**

- a. Desired escape and pleaded with the Lord about it three times.
- b. God's comfort for Paul: His grace.

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## Session 3 - Equipped to Respond

*Saturday Morning, September 7, 2019*

### INTRODUCTION:

- I. Trials are designed to test our faith and produce steadfastness.
  
- II. In His goodness and wisdom, God is often pleased to provide endurance, rather than escape, for His saints in the midst of trials, in order to bring glory to His name and steadfastness to their faith.
  
- III. Job
  - a. Before the day of trouble, Job knew that God was sovereign and worthy to be praised.
  - b. In his trial, Job responded with worship.

#### **IV. Jeremiah**

- a. Before the day of trouble, like Job, Jeremiah knew that God was sovereign.
- b. In his trial, Jeremiah responded with truth.
- c. He knew God's character: He knew of His steadfast love, His mercy, and His faithfulness.

#### **V. Jesus**

- a. In His trial, Jesus responded perfect submission.
- b. He knew His Father's character and promises perfectly.

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## Session 4 - Motivated to Run

*Saturday Afternoon, September 7, 2019*

### INTRODUCTION:

I. If we are going to endure, we will endure because we believe these truths about Jesus, not because we have risen to the occasion through personal fortitude.

II. We are motivated to run when we...

- a. Remember witnesses to emulate.
- b. Look to Jesus to escape temptation and endure trials.
- c. Anticipate Heaven to hold fast.
  - i. Jesus is the Founder and Perfecter of our faith.
  - ii. We run by holding onto both Calvary and Heaven.
  - iii. May we run like we are strangers on earth and citizens in heaven!





# Recommended Resources

## BOOKS

### Theology

Pink, Arthur W. — *The Attributes of God*  
Bridges, Jerry — *Is God Really In Control?*

### Suffering

Bridges, Jerry — *Trusting God: Even When Life Hurts*  
Hutto, Jessalyn — *Inheritance of Tears*  
James, Joel — *Help! I Can't Handle All These Trials*  
Leake, Mike — *Torn to Heal: God's Good Purpose in Suffering*  
Piper, John and Justin Taylor — *Suffering and the Sovereignty of God*  
Power, P. B. — *A Book of Comfort for Those in Sickness*  
Powlison, David — *God's Grace In Your Suffering*  
Tautges, Paul — *Comfort the Grieving: Ministering God's Grace in Times of Loss*  
Tripp, Paul — *Suffering*  
Vroegop, Mark — *Dark Clouds Deep Mercy: Discovering the Grace of Lament*

### Christian Living

*Valley of Vision*  
Ryle, J. C. — *Walking With God*  
Spurgeon, Charles H. — *According to Promise*

## SERMONS

John Piper — ["The Glory of God in the Sight of Eternity"](#)  
Matt Dodd — ["God's Command to be Humble in the Face of Trials"](#)  
Matt Dodd — ["Matt Dodd Testimony"](#)

## MUSIC

Sovereign Grace Music — "Come Weary Saints"  
Shane and Shane — "Though You Slay Me featuring John Piper"

## THE WONDERFUL CROSS

When I survey the wonderful cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

See from His head, His hands, His feet  
Sorrow and love flowed mingled down.  
Did ever such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

***O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross  
Bids me come and die,  
And find that I may truly live.  
O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross  
All who gather here by grace draw near  
And bless Your name.***

Forbid it Lord that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ my God.  
All the vain things that charm me most  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

Were the whole realm of nature mine  
That were an offering far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

## JESUS, THANK YOU

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend  
The agonies of Calvary  
You the perfect Holy One crushed Your Son  
Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

***Your blood has washed away my sin  
Jesus, thank You  
The Father's wrath completely satisfied  
Jesus, thank You  
Once Your enemy now seated at Your table  
Jesus, thank You***

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near  
Your enemy You've made Your friend  
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace  
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end

***Your blood has washed away my sin  
Jesus, thank You  
The Father's wrath completely satisfied  
Jesus, thank You  
Once Your enemy now seated at Your table  
Jesus, thank You***

Lover of my soul, I want to live for You  
Lover of my soul, I want to live for You

***Your blood has washed away my sin  
Jesus, thank You  
The Father's wrath completely satisfied  
Jesus, thank You  
Once Your enemy now seated at Your table  
Jesus, thank You***

## **SPEAK, O LORD**

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us,  
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power that can never fail—  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

## **HE WILL HOLD ME FAST**

When I fear my faith will fail  
Christ will hold me fast  
When the tempter would prevail  
He will hold me fast  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold  
He must hold me fast

***He will hold me fast***  
***He will hold me fast***  
***For my Savior loves me so***  
***He will hold me fast***

Those He saves are His delight  
Christ will hold me fast  
Precious in His holy sight  
He will hold me fast  
He'll not let my soul be lost  
His promises shall last  
Bought by Him at such a cost  
He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died  
Christ will hold me fast  
Justice has been satisfied  
He will hold me fast  
Raised with Him to endless life  
He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight  
When He comes at last

***He will hold me fast***  
***He will hold me fast***  
***For my Savior loves me so***  
***He will hold me fast***

## **CHRIST THE SURE AND STEADY ANCHOR**

Christ the sure and steady anchor,  
In the fury of the storm;  
When the winds of doubt blow through me,  
And my sails have all been torn.  
In the suffering, in the sorrow,  
When my sinking hopes are few;  
I will hold fast to the anchor,  
It will never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor,  
While the tempest rages on;  
When temptation claims the battle,  
And it seems the night has won.  
Deeper still then goes the anchor,  
Though I justly stand accused;  
I will hold fast to the anchor,  
It shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor,  
Through the floods of unbelief;  
Hopeless somehow, O my soul, now,  
Lift your eyes to Calvary.  
This my ballast of assurance,  
See his love forever proved.  
I will hold fast to the anchor,  
It will never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor,  
As we face the wave of death;  
When these trials give way to glory,  
As we draw our final breath.  
We will cross that great horizon,  
Clouds behind and life secure;  
And the calm will be the better,  
For the storms that we endure.

Christ the sure of our salvation,  
Ever faithful, ever true!  
We will hold fast to the anchor,  
It shall never be removed.

## **ARRIVED**

Watching and waiting our whole life through  
For the moment when we arrive in glory  
We'll be standing before His emerald throne  
O what a day it will be!

All tears are gone and suffering ceased  
Perfect new life, with no earthly strife  
For we've finished the race, run to His embrace  
O what a day that will be!

***When we've arrived, stunned and surprised  
All things resolved in the blink of an eye;  
No more distractions, no sin left to fight  
The first glimpse of Jesus and faith becomes sight***

Feel the ground shake, hear thunder roll  
See blinding light and seraphim flight  
All amazed we will fall, yet the Father will call,  
"Stand, I have made you My own"

A choir with angels, martyrs and saints  
Singing His praise with no end to the day  
Shouting, "holy, holy, holy!" to Almighty God  
O what a song that will be!

## ***IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL***

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way  
When sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say  
It is well, it is well with my soul

***It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul)***  
***It is well, it is well with my soul***

Though Satan should buffet,  
though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

***It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul)***  
***It is well, it is well with my soul***

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought  
My sin, not in part but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul

***It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul)***  
***It is well, it is well with my soul***

And Lord haste the day  
when my faith shall be sight  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll  
The trump shall resound,  
and the Lord shall descend  
Even so, it is well with my soul

***It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul)***  
***It is well, it is well with my soul***

## ***ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST***

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

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  
Hallelujah! All I have is Christ - Hallelujah! Jesus is my life

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

## ***COME THOU FOUNT***

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise Thy name, I'm fixed upon it  
Name of God's redeeming love

Hither to Thy love has blessed me  
Thou hast brought me to this place  
And I know Thy hand will bring me  
Safely home by Thy good grace  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
Wandering from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger  
Bought me with His precious blood

O to grace, how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart, O, take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above

Oh, that day when freed from sinning  
I shall see Thy lovely face  
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen  
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry  
Bring Thy promises to pass  
For I know Thy power will keep me  
'Til I'm home with Thee at last

## **HE WILL HOLD ME FAST**

When I fear my faith will fail  
Christ will hold me fast  
When the tempter would prevail  
He will hold me fast  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold  
He must hold me fast

***He will hold me fast***

***He will hold me fast***

***For my Savior loves me so***

***He will hold me fast***

Those He saves are His delight  
Christ will hold me fast  
Precious in His holy sight  
He will hold me fast  
He'll not let my soul be lost  
His promises shall last  
Bought by Him at such a cost  
He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died  
Christ will hold me fast  
Justice has been satisfied  
He will hold me fast  
Raised with Him to endless life  
He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight  
When He comes at last

***He will hold me fast***

***He will hold me fast***

***For my Savior loves me so***

***He will hold me fast***

## **CHRIST THE SURE AND STEADY ANCHOR**

Christ the sure and steady anchor,  
In the fury of the storm;  
When the winds of doubt blow through me,  
And my sails have all been torn.  
In the suffering, in the sorrow,  
When my sinking hopes are few;  
I will hold fast to the anchor,  
It will never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor,  
While the tempest rages on;  
When temptation claims the battle,  
And it seems the night has won.  
Deeper still then goes the anchor,  
Though I justly stand accused;  
I will hold fast to the anchor,  
It shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor,  
Through the floods of unbelief;  
Hopeless somehow, O my soul, now,  
Lift your eyes to Calvary.  
This my ballast of assurance,  
See his love forever proved.  
I will hold fast to the anchor,  
It will never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor,  
As we face the wave of death;  
When these trials give way to glory,  
As we draw our final breath.  
We will cross that great horizon,  
Clouds behind and life secure;  
And the calm will be the better,  
For the storms that we endure.

Christ the sure of our salvation,  
Ever faithful, ever true!  
We will hold fast to the anchor,  
It shall never be removed.