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Words of Welcome

Psalm 28:8-9 (ESV)

8 The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

9 Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

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Scripture Reading

James 2:18-26 (ESV)

- 18 But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.
- 19 You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe-- and shudder!
- 20 Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless?
- 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar?
- 22 You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works;
- 23 and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"-- and he was called a friend of God.
- 24 You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.
- 25 And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way?
- 26 For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

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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
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He Reigns

Verse 1:

It's the song of the redeemed, rising from the African plain
It's the song of the forgiven, drowning out the Amazon rain
The song of Asian believers, filled with God's holy fire
It's every tribe, every tongue, every nation, a love song born of a grateful choir

Chorus 1:

It's all God's children singing glory, glory, hallelujah, He reigns, He reigns
It's all God's children singing glory, glory, hallelujah, He reigns, He reigns (4x)

Verse 2:

Let it rise above the four winds, caught up in the heavenly sound
Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals, to the faithful gathered underground
Of all the songs sung from the dawn of creation, some were meant to persist
Of all the bells rung from a thousand steeples, none rings truer than this

[repeat chorus 1]

Bridge:

And all the powers of darkness, tremble at what they've just heard
'Cause all the powers of darkness, can't drown out a single word

Chorus 2:

When all God's children sing out glory, glory, hallelujah, He reigns, He reigns
All God's children sing out glory, glory, hallelujah, He reigns, He reigns
All God's people singing glory, glory, hallelujah, He reigns, He reigns (6x)
All God's children sing out glory, glory, hallelujah, He reigns, He reigns

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All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Verse 1

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Verse 2

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Verse 3

Let every kindred, every tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Verse 4

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all.

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New City Catechism

25: Does Christ's Death Mean All Our Sins Can Be Forgiven?

Full Answer

Yes, because Christ's death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin, God graciously imputes Christ's righteousness to us as if it were our own and will remember our sins no more.

Children's Answer

Yes, because Christ's death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin, God will remember our sins no more.

Scripture

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Commentary

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Though one sin was enough to bring condemnation, yet the free gift of grace in Christ is of many offences unto justification. And we have a sure ground for this, for the righteousness of Christ is God's righteousness, and God will thus glorify it, that it shall stand good to those that by faith apply it against their daily sins, even till at once we cease both to live and sin. For this very end was the Son of God willingly made sin, that we might be freed from the same. And if all our sins laid upon Christ could not take away God's love from him, shall they take away God's love from us, when by Christ's blood our souls are purged from them? O mercy of all mercies, that . . . he would vouchsafe to . . . make us his by such a way, as all the angels in heaven stand wondering at; even his Son not only taking our nature and miserable condition, but our sin upon him, that that being done away, we might through Christ have boldness with God as ours, who is now in heaven appearing there for us, until he bring us home to himself, and presents us to his Father for his for ever!

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Speak O Lord

Verse 1:

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 like - ness
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

Verse 2:

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

Verse 3:

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 'til Your Church is built
As You fill the earth with Your glory
As You fill the earth with Your glory

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Sermon
The Light Who Came to Save

John 12:34-50 (ESV)

- 34 So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?"
- 35 So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going.
- 36 While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them.
- 37 Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him,
- 38 so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"
- 39 Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,
- 40 "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them."
- 41 Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him.
- 42 Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue;
- 43 for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.
- 44 And Jesus cried out and said, "Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me.
- 45 And whoever sees me sees him who sent me.
- 46 I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.
- 47 If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.
- 48 The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.
- 49 For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment-- what to say and what to speak.
- 50 And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me."

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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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Benediction

Jude 1:24-25 (ESV)

24 Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy,
25 to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.