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Words of Welcome

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 110 (ESV)

- 1 A Psalm of David. The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."
- 2 The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies!
- 3 Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours.
- 4 The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."
- 5 The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.
- 6 He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses; he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth.
- 7 He will drink from the brook by the way; therefore he will lift up his head.

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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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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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Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Verse 1:

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Chorus:

O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

Verse 2:

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Verse 3:

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?
"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord,
Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy,
When Christ is ours forevermore.

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New City Catechism

32: What Do Justification and Sanctification Mean?

Full Answer

Justification means our declared righteousness before God, made possible by Christ's death and resurrection for us. Sanctification means our gradual, growing righteousness, made possible by the Spirit's work in us.

Children's Answer

Justification means our declared righteousness before God. Sanctification means our gradual, growing righteousness.

Scripture

1 PETER 1:1–2

To those who are elect exiles . . . according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

Commentary

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Though justification and sanctification are both blessings of grace, and though they are inseparable, yet they are distinct acts of God; and there is, in various respects, a wide difference between them. The distinction may be thus expressed—justification respects the person in a legal sense, is a single act of grace, and terminates in a relative change; that is, a freedom from punishment, and a right to life; sanctification regards him in a physical sense, is a continual work of grace, and terminates in a real change, as to the quality both of habits and actions. The former is by a righteousness without us; the latter is by holiness wrought in us. That precedes as a cause; this follows as an effect. Justification is by Christ as a priest, and has regard to the guilt of sin; sanctification is by him as a king, and refers to its dominion. The former deprives of its damning power, the latter of its reigning power. Justification is instantaneous and complete in all its subjects; sanctification is progressive and perfecting by degrees.

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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 1:

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

Chorus 2:

'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

Chorus 3:

My chains fell off, my heart was free
I rose, went forth, and followed thee

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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

Chorus 4:

Bold I approach the eternal throne
And claim the crown, through Christ my own

Chorus 5:

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

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Sermon
He Ascended into Heaven

Hebrews 4:14-16 (ESV)

- 14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.
- 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.
- 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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**Nicene Creed
(Congregation)**

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of one being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven;
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake, He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day, He rose again, in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead.
And His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
With the Father and the Son, He is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy universal and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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**At the Name of Jesus
(Special)**

Verse 1:

At the name of Jesus
Ev'ry knee shall bow,
Ev'ry tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure
We should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning
Was the mighty Word.

Verse 2:

At his voice creation
Sprang at once to sight,
Akk the angel faces,
All the hosts of light.
'Tis the Father's pleasure
We should call him Lord,
All the heav'nly orders
In their great array.

Verse 3:

Humbled for a season
To receive a name
From the lips of sinners,
Amongst whom he came.
Faithfully he bore it,
Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious
When from death he passed.

Verse 4:

In your hearts enthrone him;
There let him subdue
All that is not holy,
All that is not true.
Crown him as your Captain,
In temptation's hour;
Let his will enfold you
In its light and pow'r.

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Verse 5:

Christians, this Lord Jesus
Shall return again
In his Father's glory,
With his angel train,
All the wreaths of empires
Meet upon his brow,
And our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

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Christus Victor (Amen)

Verse 1:

O Most High, King of the ages
Great I AM, God of wonders
By the blood You have redeemed us
Led us through mighty waters
Our strength, our song, our sure salvation

Chorus 1:

Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory, power
For the battle You have won, Hallelujah! Amen

Verse 2:

O Most High, dwelling among us
Son of man sent for sinners
By Your blood You have redeemed us
Spotless Lamb, mighty Savior
Who lived, who died, who rose victorious

Chorus 2, 3, and 4:

Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory, power
For the battle You have won, Hallelujah!
With every tribe and every tongue
We join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son, Hallelujah! Amen

Verse 3:

O Most High, King of the nations
Robed in praise, crowned with splendor
On that day who will not tremble?
When You stand Christ the Victor
Who was, and is, and is forever

Bridge:

Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen

Last Chorus Tag:

Sing the victory of the Lamb
Christ the Victor! Amen.
Amen

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Doxology

Verse 1:

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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**Benediction
(Congregation)**

Jude 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.