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Words of Welcome

Psalm 84:1-4 (ESV)

- 1 To the choirmaster: according to The Gittith. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah. How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!
- 2 My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.
- 3 Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- 4 Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise! Selah

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Scripture Reading

James 5:13-20 (ESV)

- 13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.
- 14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.
- 15 And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.
- 16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.
- 17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth.
- 18 Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.
- 19 My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back,
- 20 let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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All Things New

Verse 1:

Come broken and weary, come battered and bruised
My Jesus makes all things new, all things new
Come lost and abandoned, come blown by the wind
He'll bring you back home again, home again

Chorus:

Rise up, oh you sleeper, awake
The light of the dawn is upon you
Rise up, oh you sleeper, awake
He makes all things new
All things new

Verse 2:

Come frozen with shame, come burning with guilt
My Jesus, He loves you still, loves you still

Chorus:

Rise up, oh you sleeper, awake
The light of the dawn is upon you
Rise up, oh you sleeper, awake
He makes all things new
He makes all things new

Bridge:

The world was good, the world is fallen
The world will be redeemed
The world was good, the world is fallen
The world will be redeemed

Verse 3:

So hold on to the promise, the stories are true
Jesus makes all things new (The Dawn is upon you)

Chorus:

Rise up, oh you sleeper, awake, the light of the dawn is upon you
Rise up, oh you sleeper, awake, He makes all things new
Rise up, oh you sleeper, awake, the light of the dawn is upon you
Rise up, oh you sleeper, awake, He makes all things new
He makes all things new

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Verse 1:

Great is Thy faithfulness, o God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be

Chorus:

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Verse 2:

Summer and winter, springtime and harvest
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love

Verse 3:

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

Ending:

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

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Hallelujah What a Savior

Verse 1:

“Man of Sorrows!” what a name
For the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim.
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Verse 2:

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned He stood;
Sealed my pardon with His blood.
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Verse 3:

Guilty, vile, and helpless we;
Spotless Lamb of God was He;
“Full atonement!” can it be?
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Verse 4:

Lifted up was He to die;
“It is finished!” was His cry;
Now in Heav’n exalted high.
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Verse 5:

When He comes, our glorious King,
All His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew His song we’ll sing:
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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New City Catechism

34: Since We Are Redeemed by Grace Alone, Through Christ Alone, Must We Still Do Good Works and Obey God's Word?

Full Answer

Yes, because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, also renews us by his Spirit; so that our lives may show love and gratitude to God; so that we may be assured of our faith by the fruits; and so that by our godly behavior others may be won to Christ.

Children's Answer

Yes, so that our lives may show love and gratitude to God; and so that by our godly behavior others may be won to Christ.

Scripture

1 PETER 2:9–12

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Commentary

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So, then, dear friends, these good works must be in the Christian. They are not the root, but the fruit of his salvation. They are not the way of the believer's salvation; they are his walk in the way of salvation. Where there is healthy life in a tree, the tree will bear fruit according to its kind; so, if God has made our nature good, the fruit will be good. But if the fruit be evil, it is because the tree is what it always was—an evil tree. The desire of men created anew in Christ is to be rid of every sin. We do sin, but we do not love sin. Sin gets power over us sometimes to our sorrow, but it is a kind of death to us to feel that we have gone into sin; yet it shall not have dominion over us, for we are not under the law, but under grace; and therefore we shall conquer it, and get the victory.

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O Great God

Verse 1

O great God of highest heav'n occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r
Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore

Verse 2

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son gave me endless hope and peace

Verse 3

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heav'n, glorify Your Name through me

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Sermon
The Lamb Wins

Revelation 19:11-20:15 (ESV)

- 11 Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.
- 12 His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself.
- 13 He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God.
- 14 And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses.
- 15 From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.
- 16 On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.
- 17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, "Come, gather for the great supper of God,
- 18 to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great."
- 19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army.
- 20 And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.
- 21 And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.
- 20:1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain.
- 2 And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years,
- 3 and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.
- 4 Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.
- 5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection.
- 6 Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

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- 7 And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison
8 and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and
Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea.
9 And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints
and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them,
10 and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the
beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.
11 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and
sky fled away, and no place was found for them.
12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened.
Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what
was written in the books, according to what they had done.
13 And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in
them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done.
14 Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of
fire.
15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake
of fire.

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Verse 1:

A mighty fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing
Our Helper, He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe
His craft and power are great
And armed with cruel hate
On earth is not His equal

Verse 2:

Did we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing
Were not the right Man on our side
The Man of God's own choosing
Dost ask who that may be
Christ Jesus, it is He
Lord Sabaoth His name
From age to age the same
And He must win the battle

Verse 3:

And though this world with devils filled
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us
The prince of darkness grim
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure
For lo, his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him

Verse 4:

That word above all earthly powers
No thanks to them abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go
This mortal life also
The body they may kill
God's truth abideth still
His kingdom is forever

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**Benediction
(Congregation)**

Psalm 96:10-13 (ESV)

10 Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

12 let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

13 before the LORD, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.