I AM HIS, AND HE IS MINE

Hymn Devotion - March 16

Scripture – John 10:14-15, 27-28

 I Corinthians 3:22-23

Loved with everlasting love,

Led by grace that love to know;
Gracious Spirit from above,

Thou hast taught me it is so!
O this full and perfect peace!

O this transport all divine!
In a love which cannot cease,

I am His, and He is mine.

Heav’n above is softer blue,

Earth around is sweeter green!
Something lives in every hue

Christless eyes have never seen;
Birds with gladder songs o’erflow,

Flowers with deeper beauties shine,
Since I know, as now I know,

I am His, and He is mine.

Things that once were wild alarms

Cannot now disturb my rest;
Closed in everlasting arms,

Pillowed on the loving breast.
O to lie forever here,

Doubt and care and self resign,
While He whispers in my ear,

I am His, and He is mine.

His forever, only His;

Who the Lord and me shall part?
Ah, with what a rest of bliss

Christ can fill the loving heart!
Heav’n and earth may fade and flee,

Firstborn light in gloom decline;
But while God and I shall be,

I am His, and He is mine.

George Wade Robinson (1838-1877)

 What a difference the Love of God can make, the sky is bluer the grass is greener, the bird’s song are gladder and the flowers are more beautiful. It is the joy that Jesus puts in our hearts that makes everything brighter and more beautiful.

1. How long will the love of God last?

2. How do we get to know this love?

3. Who has taught us that this love is so?

4. How is the peace described? The transport?

5. How do we know that we are His and He is ours?

6. Verse 2: How does heaven appear?

7. How does earth look?

8. Who has not and cannot see the beauty of earth this way?

9. How are the songs of birds?

10. How do the flowers shine?

11. Since we know what?

12. Verse 3: What once disturbed our rest?

13. Where are we closed?

14. Where are we pillowed?

15. What three things can we resign because of God’s love?

16. What does He do?

17. Verse 4: His forever, only His - Answer the question – Can anyone part the Lord and us?

18. Who can fill a loving heart?

19. What may fade and flee?

20. What may decline in the face of gloom?

21. As long as God is God and we are alive or dead -

 I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and He is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

AMAZING GRACE

Hymn Devotion - March 17

Scripture – Ephesians 2:6-9

 John 9:25

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
’Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
Than when we’d first begun.

John Newton (1725-1807)

John P. Rees (1828-1900), stanza 5

 Grace, unmerited favor of God was before time and will last through eternity. Grace brings us through all kinds of dangers, toils and snares; grace has worked thus far and will continue to work throughout eternity. Thanks and praise to God.

1. What does amazing grace have?

2. Some synonyms of wretch are worm, rogue, unfortunate or miserable creature. What does God’s amazing grace do for us wretches?

3. Grace \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the lost.

4. And makes the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to see.

5. Verse 2: What does grace teach the heart to do?

6. Grace also does what to our fears?

7. How does grace appear?

8. When does grace start?

9. Verse 3: What has the Lord promised?

10. What does His Word do?

11. A definition of portion is destiny or lot. What will God be?

12. How long?

13. Verse 4: List what we’ve already come through:

14. What has grace done?

15. What will lead us home?

16. Verse 5: When we’ve been in glory for how long?

17. Who all will be bright shining as the sun?

18. We’ll have as many days left to do what?

From when?

JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS

Hymn Devotion - March 18

Scripture – Colossians 1:20-21

 Revelations 22:1, 2

Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain
Free to all, a healing stream
Flows from Calvary’s mountain.

*Refrain*

*In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the bright and morning star
Sheds its beams around me.

*Refrain*

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day,
With its shadows o’er me.

*Refrain*

Near the cross I’ll watch and wait
Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand,
Just beyond the river.

*Refrain*

Fanny Jane Crosby (1820-1915)

 We don’t like to think of the cross, its cruelty and inhumanity but if we don’t remember that Jesus DIED for us on that horrible cross we cannot adequately praise and honor Him until the time of our entrance into His heavenly realm. Let us strive to stay near the cross in our daily walk.

1. Who can keep us near the cross?

2. What is there?

3. What does this healing stream cost?

4. What kind of stream is it?

5. Where does it flow from?

6. Verse 2: Where is the trembling soul?

 What finds the trembling soul?

7. Who is the Bright and Morning Star?

8. What does this Star do?

9. Verse 3: How is Jesus described here?

10. What comes to your mind when “the scenes of the cross” come before you?

11. Where should we walk day to day?

12. Verse 4: What four things are we doing now near the cross?

13. Until we reach the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

just beyond the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

14. The chorus: Not close or over there but \_\_\_\_\_ the cross!

15. What will be?

16. What will our raptured souls find?

JESUS PAID IT ALL

Hymn Devotion - March 19

Scripture – Isaiah 1:18-19

Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say,
“Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all.”

Refrain:

*Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.*

For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace to claim,
I’ll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calv’ry’s Lamb.

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone,
Can change the leper’s spots
And melt the heart of stone.

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save,”

My lips shall still repeat.

Elvina Mable Hall (1820-1889)

Jesus it paid it all - He gave his life that we might have forgiveness of sin and a soul that is white as snow. We owe Him our all our very lives. Although we cannot earn our way to heaven our all is our lives living for Him.

1. Note that the word hear is in the present tense - When is this being said?

2. What is the Savior saying about our strength?

3. What are God’s weak children to do?

4. Who is the ME in the last sentence and what is to be found?

5. Verse 2: What do we have good?

6. What to claim?

7. What color can our garments be washed?

8. How?

9. Who is Calvary’s Lamb?

10. Verse 3: What do we find in the Lord?

11. What is meant here by changing the leper’s spots?

12. What kind of heart can He change?

13. Verse 4: Where will we stand?

14. How will we stand?

15. What did Jesus do?

16. What should we still be doing?

17: Chorus: What did Jesus pay? How?

18. What do we owe?

19. What color is the stain of our sin?

20. What color will he wash the stain?

THERE IS A GREEN HILL FAR AWAY

 Hymn Devotion - March 20

Scripture - John 19:15-18

There is a green hill far

away,
Outside a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified,
Who died to save us all.

*O dearly, dearly, has He loved,
And we must love Him, too,
And trust in His redeeming blood,
And try His works to do.*

We may not know, we cannot tell,
What pains He had to bear;
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiv’n,
He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to Heav’n,
Saved by His precious blood.

There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin;
He only could unlock the gate
Of heaven and let us in.

 Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

 It is different to see Calvary described as a green hill without city gates - an open and free feeling instead of an image of meanness and death. To think He loved us enough to give up His life to save us from our sins and unlock the gates of heaven and let us in! What a beautiful thought!

1. How is Calvary described?

2. Where in location to the city?

3. What happened there?

4. What was purpose of His death?

5. Verse 2: What don’t we know or cannot tell?

6. What do we believe?

7. What did He do there?

8. Verse 3: His death was for our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

9. How are we made because of His death?

10. Where can we go?

11. Saved by?

12. Verse 4: Who else was good enough?

13. To do what?

14. What could He only do?

 To where?

15. And \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_!

16. The Chorus: A definition of dearly is at great cost. How has He loved us?

17. What must we do?

18. What must we trust in?

19. What then are we to do?