MORE LOVE TO THEE

Hymn Devotion – September 21

Scripture: John 15:12-15

Ephesians 6:24

More love to Thee, O Christ,

More love to Thee!  
Hear Thou the prayer I make

On bended knee;  
This is my earnest plea:

More love, O Christ, to Thee;  
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

Once earthly joy I craved,

Sought peace and rest;  
Now Thee alone I seek,

Give what is best.  
This all my prayer shall be:

More love, O Christ to Thee;  
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

Let sorrow do its work,

Come grief or pain;  
Sweet are Thy messengers,

Sweet their refrain,  
When they can sing with me:

More love, O Christ, to Thee;  
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

Then shall my latest breath

Whisper Thy praise;  
This be the parting cry

My heart shall raise;  
This still its prayer shall be:

More love, O Christ to Thee;  
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

Elizabeth Payson Prentiss (1818-1878)

The final greeting given in Ephesians 6:23-24 mentions an undying love we have toward Jesus. Life is a journey we cannot love the Lord too much – our prayer should always be that we have More Love toward Christ.

1. What do we desire to have toward Christ?

 2. What do we want Him to hear?

 3. Where do we pray from?

4. How do we plead?

5. Verse 2: What did we crave?

 6. What was sought?

7. Who do we seek?

8. What do we want to be given?

9. What shall all our prayer be?

9. Verse 3: What do we say we want to do its work?

10. What may come?

11. What two things are sweet?

12. When are they sweet?

13. Verse 4: What shall we do with our latest breath?

14. What will raise the parting cry?

15. What shall our prayer still be?

MAY THE GRACE OF CHRIST

Hymn Devotion – September 22

Scripture: Galatians 2:20-21

II Corinthians 13:14

May the grace of Christ our Savior  
And the Father’s boundless love  
With the Holy Spirit’s favor,  
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union  
With each other and the Lord,  
And possess, in sweet communion,  
Joys which earth cannot afford.

John Newton (1725-1807)

This very short hymn along with II Corinthians 13:14 mentions the works of the Triune God; God the Father, Christ and the Holy Spirit – Paul used the scripture verse as a benediction.

We too can be comforted and sent out in the grace of Christ our Savior, the Father’s boundless love and with the Holy Spirit’s favor and may all of this come to rest on us from above.

With this reassurance we may abide in union – together in one accord and possess – be in sweet communion with a joy that earth cannot afford – cannot provide.

We are so blessed to have grace, boundless love and favor from a God who loves and cares for us and did while we were yet sinners – Christ died for us! WOW!

1. What is from Christ our Savior?

 2. What is from the Father?

 3. What is from the Holy Spirit?

4. What does it do?

5. Verse 2: How do we abide?

6. With whom?

7. What do we possess?

8. Where are these joys not possible?

HOW SWEET THE NAME OF JESUS SOUNDS

Hymn Devotion – September 23

Scripture: Philippians 2:5-11

Song of Solomon 1:3

How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds  
In a believer’s ear!  
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,  
And drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
And calms the troubled breast;  
’Tis manna to the hungry soul,  
And to the weary, rest.

Dear Name, the Rock on which I build,  
My Shield and Hiding Place,  
My never failing treasury, filled  
With boundless stores of grace!

Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,  
O Prophet, Priest and King,  
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
Accept the praise I bring.

Till then I would Thy love proclaim  
With every fleeting breath,  
And may the music of Thy Name  
Refresh my soul in death!

John Newton (1725-1807)

What an encouraging hymn that we have the sweet name of Jesus to sooth, heal, calm, give rest and feed our hungry soul – and to have a treasury filled with a boundless store of grace! Wow and to have Jesus who is our Lord, our Life, our Way and our end - our complete life, right up to and in death.

1. What is sounds sweet?

 2. Where does it sound sweet?

 3. What are the three things it does?

4. Verse 2: What is made whole?

5. What is calmed?

 6. What is it manna to?

7. What does it give the weary?

8. Verse 3: What is this dear name?

9. What does it become to us?

10. What is it to us?

11. What is it filled with?

12. Verse 4: List all that Jesus is to us:

13. What do we want Him to accept?

14: Verse 5: What would we proclaim?

15. What with?

16. What is His Name to us?

17. What do we want done even in death?

SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US

Hymn Devotion – September 24

Scripture: John 10:3, 14-15

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,

Much we need Thy tender care;   
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,

For our use Thy folds prepare.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus!

Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus!

Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine, Thou dost befriend us,

Be the guardian of our way;   
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,

Seek us when we go astray.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus!

Hear, O hear us when we pray.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus!

Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us,

Poor and sinful though we be;   
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,

Grace to cleanse and power to free.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus!

We will early turn to Thee.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus!

We will early turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor,

Early let us do Thy will;   
Blessèd Lord and only Savior,

With Thy love our bosoms fill.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus!

Thou hast loved us, love us still.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus!

Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Hymns for the Young, 1836

Attributed to Dorothy A. Thrupp

(1779-1847)

Another encouraging hymn that we were bought with the price of Calvary, so we belong to Jesus, He befriends us and then we are asking Him to be the guardian or our way, to keep His flock, defend us from sin and when we do stray to seek to find us and bring us back to Him – to hear us when we pray.

1. What describes the Savior?

2. What do we need much?

3. What kind of pastures?

4. What is being prepared?

5. How is Jesus described?

 6. What has He done?

7. Verse 2: Whose are we and what does He do?

8. What is He of our way?

9. How are we described?

10. What do we want to be defended from?

11. When do we want Him to seek us?

12. Who is blessed?

13. What do we want Him to do?

14: Verse 3: What has He promised?

15. What are we like?

16. What does He have?

17. What do grace and power do?

18. What should we do early?

19. Verse 4: List the Early let us lines:

20. How is Jesus described?

21. What has He done and what do we want Him to do?

SUN OF MY SOUL, THOUS SAVIOR DEAR

Hymn Devotion – September 25

Scripture: Psalm 27:1, 4

Psalm 84:11

Sun of my soul, Thou Savior dear,   
It is not night if Thou be near;   
O may no earthborn cloud arise  
To hide Thee from Thy servant’s eyes.

When the soft dews of kindly sleep  
My wearied eyelids gently steep,  
Be my last thought, how sweet to rest  
Forever on my Savior’s breast.

Abide with me from morn till eve,  
For without Thee I cannot live;  
Abide with me when night is nigh,  
For without Thee I dare not die.

If some poor wandering child of Thine  
Has spurned today the voice divine,   
Now, Lord, the gracious work begin;   
Let him no more lie down in sin.

Watch by the sick, enrich the poor  
With blessings from Thy boundless store;   
Be every mourner’s sleep tonight,   
Like infants’ slumbers, pure and right.

Come near and bless us when we wake,  
Ere through the world our way we take,  
Till in the ocean of Thy love  
We lose ourselves in Heaven above.

John Keble (1792-1866)

To think of the Jesus, our Savior as the sun of our soul – like the big yellow sun keeps plants alive, growing and sees them through to harvest – Jesus is the same to our soul, keeps us alive in Him, growing in faith and sees us through to our “eternal” harvest of heaven in an ocean of love!

1. What is the Savior dear to our soul?

 2. What is it not if He is near?

 3. What may not arise?

4. What do we not want to happen?

5. Verse 2: When what happens?

 6. What are gently steeped in sleep?

7. What is our last thought?

8. Verse 3: When do we want Him to abide with us?

9. When can we not live?

10. When do we want Him to abide with us?

11. What do we dare not do without Him?

12. Verse 4: How are some of God’s children described?

13. A definition of spurn is to reject. What may have happened today?

14. What has begun?

15. What do we not want to happen?

16. Verse 5: Who do we want Him –

To watch? Enrich?

With what? From where?

17. Whose sleep?

18. How do they we want them to sleep?

19. Verse 6: What do we want to happen when we awake?

20. Ere is before –What do we take through the world?

21. How is His love described?

22. Where will we lose ourselves?