

COME TO ME

You are weighed down; you are worried.
Child, I see you; child, I know you.
Bring your burdens; bring your labor.
Come to me.

Come to me, come to me, Come to me if you are weary. I will give you, I will give you my rest.

I am gentle; I am humble.

Let me teach you; let me show you.

Trade your burden; mine is easy.

Come to me.

REPEAT CHORUS

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

—Matthew 11:28-29, NIV—

O GOD OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure; Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame, From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD

There is fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel's veins;

THERE IS A FOUNTAIN FILLED WITH BLOOD cont.

And sinners plunged beneath that flood Lose all their guilty stains. (x3) And sinners plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away. (x3)
And there may I, though vile as he, Wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power
'Til all the ransomed church of God
Be saved to sin no more. (x3)
'Til all the ransomed church of God,

Be saved to sin no more.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be 'til I die. (x3)

Redeeming love has been my theme, And shall be 'til I die.

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Q72. Does this outward washing with water itself wash away sins?

A. No, only Jesus Christ's blood and the Holy Spirit cleanse us from all sins.

Q73. Why then does the Holy Spirit call baptism the water of rebirth and the washing away of sins?

A. God has good reason for these words. To begin with, God wants to teach us that the blood and Spirit of Christ take away our sins just as water removes dirt from the body. But more important, God wants to assure us, by this divine pledge and sign, that we are as truly washed of our sins spiritually as our bodies are washed with water physically.

Q74. Should infants also be baptized?

A. Yes. Infants as well as adults are included in God's covenant and people, and they, no less than adults, are promised deliverance from sin through Christ's blood and the Holy Spirit who produces faith. Therefore, by baptism, the sign of the covenant, they too should be incorporated into the Christian church and distinguished from the children of unbelievers. This was done in the Old Testament by circumcision, which was replaced in the New Testament by baptism.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord God, it is hard to think that we will die someday. We dream, make plans, and talk about what we'll do in the near future. We don't always think about what you want. Instead, we make choices that we think are good for us. But we are only here because you take care of us. We confess that we

CONFESSION OF SIN cont.

forget we need you all the time. We confess that sometimes we make choices that aren't what you want. We don't know what is best for our lives. Holy God, we are sorry for our sin. Help us to remember we live because of you. Help us to do what you want us to do through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.

He was wounded for our transgressions
and bruised for our iniquities.

Upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole,
and with his stripes we are healed.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd
and gather the lambs in his arms.
—based on Isaiah 40:11; 53:4-5—

HIGHLY EXALTED

You were despised, you were rejected Lord those who passed by, even averted their gaze from the sight such was the suffering you bore for us

Led like a lamb, a lamb to the slaughter,
you spoke not a word
but chose to be silent Lord, though you did no wrong
nor was deceitfulness found in you

Yet by your wounds our salvation has come Yet by your suffering our freedom is won

For God has highly exalted your name,
He has enthroned you on high
Jesus the name above all names,
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SERMON

DOXOLOGY

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.

COMMUNION

ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS I STAND

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye. To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

O'er all those wide extended plains Shines one eternal day; There God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away.

I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land
I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land

No chilling winds or poisonous breath, can reach that healthful shore; Sickness, sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more. REPEAT

When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed? When shall I see my Father's face, and in his bosom rest. REPEAT CHORUS 2X