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Heidelberg Catechism

(Leader reads the question)

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

(Congregation reads answer together)

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me
in such a way
that not a hair can fall
from my head
without the will
of my Father in heaven;
in fact,
all things must work together
for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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

Chorus

Verse 3

Unto the grave what will 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

Chorus (Repeat)

CCLI Song # 7147502

Ancient of Days

Verse 1

Though the nations rage
Kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King
Reigning over all
So I will not fear
For this truth remains
That my God is the Ancient of Days

Chorus

None above Him
none before Him
All of time in His hands
For His throne
it shall remain and ever stand
All the power all the glory
I will trust in His name
For my God is the Ancient of days

Verse 2

Though the dread of night
Overwhelms my soul
He is here with me
I am not alone
O His love is sure
And He knows my name
For my God is the Ancient of Days

Chorus

Verse 3

Though I may not see
What the future brings
I will watch and wait
For the Saviour king
Then my joy complete
Standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

Chorus

Tag

For my God is the Ancient of Days

CCLI Song # 7121851

How Sweet and Aweful is the Place

Verse 1

How sweet and aweful is the place With Christ within the doors While everlasting love displays The choicest of her stores

Verse 2

While all our hearts and all our songs
Join to admire the feast
Each of us cry with thankful tongues
"Lord, why was I a guest?"

Verse 3

"Why was I made to hear Thy voice And enter while there's room When thousands make a wretched choice And rather starve than come?"

Verse 4

'Twas the same love that spread the feast That sweetly drew us in Else we had still refused to taste And perished in our sin

Verse 5

Pity the nations, O our God Constrain the earth to come Send Thy victorious Word abroad And bring the strangers home

Verse 6

We long to see Thy churches full
That all the chosen race
May with one voice and heart and soul
Sing Thy redeeming grace

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To The Cross I Cling

Verse 1

No day of my life has passed that has not proved Me guilty in Your sight The best I have to offer are these filthy rags Yet You love me

Bridge

All things in me call for my rejection All things in You plead my acceptance

Chorus

I am guilty but pardoned
By grace I've been set free
I am ransomed through
the blood You shed for me
I was dead in my transgressions
But life You brought to me
I am reconciled through mercy
To the cross I cling
To the cross I cling

Verse 2

No more am I
A slave to sin
but bought with a price
Redemption that was purchased
through the blessed cross
That You bore for me
You bore for me

Chorus

Bridge

All things in me call for my rejection All things in You plead my acceptance (Repeat)

Chorus

Ending

To the cross I cling To the cross I cling

CCLI Song # 5699810

Now Why This Fear

Verse 1

Now why this fear and unbelief
Has not the Father put to grief
His spotless Son for us
And will the righteous Judge of men
Condemn me for that debt of sin
Now canceled at the cross

Chorus

Jesus all my trust is in Your blood Jesus You've rescued us Through Your great love

Verse 2

Complete atonement You have made
And by Your death have fully paid
The debt Your people owed
No wrath remains for us to face
We're sheltered by Your saving grace
And sprinkled with Your blood

Chorus

Jesus all my trust is in Your blood Jesus You've rescued us Through Your great love

Bridge

How sweet the sound of saving grace How sweet the sound of saving grace Christ died for me

(Repeat)

Verse 3

Be still my soul and know this peace
The merits of your great High Priest
Have bought your liberty
Rely then on His precious blood
Don't fear your banishment from God
Since Jesus sets you free

Chorus

Bridge (Repeat)

Chorus

CCLI Song # 616773



Grace and Peace from the Triune God Revelation 1:4-8

MAIN THEME: The seven churches of Asia are greeted by the Triune God, and are reminded of what Christ has done for them through John's words of praise.

I. Trinitarian greeting (vv. 4-5a)

II. Christ-centered praise (vv. 5b-8)



Prayer

Our Church Family: Gery & April Giannini

Our Leaders: President Donald Trump

Our Missionaries: David & Elisabet Barcelo/Spain

Our Partners in the Gospel: Heather Hills Baptist Church, Indianapolis

Questions for Study and Discussion

- 1. Why does John give us this prologue before the first vision? What do we learn about each person of the Trinity in vv. 4-5? How do John's descriptions of the Triune God strengthen the church to endure in the midst of tribulation? What truths from vv. 4-5 specifically encourage you to press on?
- 2. What does Christ do for his people in vv. 5-8? What are the references to the Old Testament that helps us understand Christ's work? How would John's words in vv. 5-8 be an encouragement to these churches? What specific truths from vv. 5-8 are an encouragement to you, and why?

Next Week: Revelation 1:9-20