

# 1 Peter 1:3-9

## **Born Again to a Living Hope**

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup>obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

## This Is Our God

God, our Father, full of power  
Maker of the heavens, Maker of the world  
Forming all things, seen and unseen  
Truly the Almighty beyond all measured worth  
Holy is His Name

*We believe the Lord our God is One  
Father, Spirit, Son; This is our God!  
We believe forever He will reign  
Let the church proclaim: This is our God!*

Our Lord Jesus sent to save us  
Born unto a virgin, lived a perfect life  
Greatly suffered, dying for us  
From the grave He's risen, seated now on high  
Holy is His Name

**(Bridge)** Jesus will come back again  
To judge the living and the dead  
Usher in the age to come  
Let everyone sing "Amen"

Spirit, holy, One in glory  
Speaking through the prophets  
Empowering the Church  
Life is given by and through Him  
With the Son and Father, worshiped and adored  
Holy is His Name

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## The Solid Rock, p. 404

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood, Support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.

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## Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior,  
Precious Redeemer and Friend;  
Who would have thought that a Lamb could  
Rescue the souls of men?  
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,  
Spirit we long to embrace;  
You offer hope when our hearts have  
Hopelessly lost the way,  
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

*You are the One that we praise,  
You are the One we adore.  
You give the healing and grace  
Our Hearts always hunger for,  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

Almighty, infinite Father  
Faithfully loving Your own;  
Here in our weakness You find us  
Falling before Your throne,  
Oh, we're falling before You're throne.

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## O Great God

O great God of highest heav'n, Occupy my lowly heart  
Own it all and reign supreme, Conquer ev'ry rebel pow'r  
Let no vice or sin remain, That resists Your holy war  
You have loved and purchased me, Make me Yours forever more

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

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 ev'ry thought and deed  
O great God of highest heav'n, Glorify Your Name through me

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## The Love of God, p. 67

The Love of God is greater far than tongue or pen could ever tell,  
It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell.

The guilty pair, bowed down with care  
God gave His Son to win  
His erring child He reconciled and pardoned from his sin

*O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!  
It shall forevermore endure the saints and angels' song.*

When years of time shall pass away And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,  
When men, who here refuse to pray,  
On rocks and hills and mountains call,  
God's love so pure shall still endure, All measureless and strong:  
Redeeming grace to Adam's race The saints' and angels' song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the sky of parchment made,  
Were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade,  
To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry,  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole though stretched from sky to sky.

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## Our Great Savior, p. 89

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!  
Jesus! Lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,  
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.*

Jesus! what a Strength in weakness!  
Let me hide myself in Him;  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,  
He, my Strength, my vict'ry wins.

Jesus! what a Help in sorrow!  
While the billows o'er me roll,  
Even when my heart is breaking,  
He, my Comfort, helps my soul.

Jesus! what a Guide and Keeper!  
While the tempest still is high,  
Storms about me, night o'er-takes me,  
He, my Pilot, hears my cry.

Jesus! I do now receive Him,  
More than all in Him I find;  
He hath granted me forgiveness,  
I am His, and He is mine.

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# **A Postcard from Prison**

## **Part 1**

Philemon 1-7

*The fellowship of brotherly love most powerfully glorifies Christ when it reconciles estranged Christians*

I. Fellowship of Appreciation:

II. Fellowship of Sanctification:

III. Fellowship of Edification: