



the **lake** church

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Music That Ministers – Music That Matters



“IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL”

When peace like a river attendeth my way;
When sorrows LIKE SEA BILLOWS ROLL;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
‘It is well, it is well, with my soul.’ (v1)

(1) This grieving father reminds us that having peace—and being content—even amidst the unfairness of life—IS SOMETHING THAT CAN BE LEARNED.

*Philippians 4:11-13, “I have **LEARNED** to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have **LEARNED** the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do things through Christ who strengthens me.”*

‘Jesus is all the world to me, my life, my joy, my all. He is my strength from day to day, Without Him I would fall. When I am sad, to Him I go, No other one can cheer me so. When I am sad, He makes me glad. He’s my friend.’

(2) This hymn reminds us: WE HAVE AN ENEMY WHO IS FIGHTING US, TEMPTING US AND HATES US, BUT CHRIST HAS OVERCOME THE WORLD!

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come
Let this blest assurance control.
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
and hath shed His own blood for my soul. (v2)

Contentment – something we CAN have in, in ALL situations.

God says: ***“My grace is sufficient for thee.”*** 2 Corinthians 12:9

Jesus said: ***“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”*** John 16:33

(3) This hymn reminds us: THAT THE GREATEST UNFAIRNESS OF LIFE WAS SUFFERED BY Christ HIMSELF.

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought,
my sin—not in part but the whole—
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, Oh my soul! (v3)

1 John 2:2 – ***“Jesus Christ—the righteous One—is the atoning sacrifice for our sin and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.”***

Isaiah 53:5-6 – ***“But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”***

2 Cor 5:21 – ***“God made Him Who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”***

"I will sing of my Redeemer, and His wondrous love to me; On the cruel cross He suffered, from the curse to set me free. Sing, oh sing, of my Redeemer; with His blood He purchased me. On the cross, He sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free."

Job – ***I know that my Redeemer lives and that in the end He will stand upon the earth.”*** Job 19:25

4. This hymn reminds us: A DAY WILL DAWN WHEN UNFAIRNESS IS NO MORE.

Max Lucado: ***“Lower your expectations of earth. This isn't heaven, so don't expect it to be.”***

And, Lord, haste the day, when the faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend!
Even so, it is well with my soul. (v4)

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 – ***“And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. The light Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.”***

Revelation 21:4 – ***“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”***