

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched

1. Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready waits to save you,
Full of pity, love and pow'r:
He is able, He is able,
He is willing, doubt no more.
2. Come, ye needy, come and welcome;
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings us nigh,
Without money, without money,
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.
3. Let not conscience make you linger,
Nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth
Is to feel your need of Him:
This He gives you, this He gives you,
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.
4. Come, ye weary, heavy-laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all:
Not the righteous, not the righteous,
Sinners Jesus came to call.
5. Agonizing in the garden,
Your Redeemer prostrate lies;
On the bloody tree behold Him!
Hear Him cry, before He dies,
"It is finished!" "It is finished!"
Sinner, will not this suffice?
6. Lo! Th' incarnate God, ascended,
Pleads the merit of His blood;
Venture on Him, venture wholly;
Let no other trust intrude:
None but Jesus, none but Jesus,
Can do helpless sinners good.

From

Almost

Believing

to

Believing

Outline:

I. A person who almost believes—“Almost becoming a Christian”—Acts 26:28.

II. A heart that almost believes:

1. Doubting—“You of little faith, why did you doubt?”—Matt. 14:31.
2. Fearing—“Do not be afraid—only believe”—Mark 5:36.
3. Assuming—“I did not count even myself worthy to come to You”; “Lord, if You are willing...if You can”—Luke 7:7; Matt. 8:2; 9:22.
4. Worrying—“You of little faith...do not be anxious”—Matt. 6:30, 31.
5. Delaying—“Deferred them, saying, when...”; “And now, why do you delay? Rise up and be baptized...calling on His name”—Acts 24:22; 22:16.
6. Appreciating—“I agree with the law that it is good”; “Yet you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life”—Rom. 7:16b; John 5:40; Matt. 13:20.
7. Striving—“They have a zeal for God...and sought to establish their own righteousness”—Rom. 10:2-3.

III. A person who believes:

1. Believing Christ—“There is salvation in no other”; “Everyone who believes on Him shall not be put to shame”—Acts 4:12; Rom. 10:11.
2. Believing the fact—“For he who comes forward to God must believe that He is”—Heb. 11:6.
3. Believing the promises—“As many promises of God as there are, in Him is the Yes”—2 Cor. 1:20.

IV. From almost believing to believing:

1. Willing—“Let him who wills take the water of life freely”—Rev. 22:17.

2. Receiving—“But as many as received Him...to those who believe into His name”—John 1:12.
3. Rising—“And now, why do you delay? Rise up and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on His name”—Acts 22:16.

**“But My righteous one shall live by faith;
and if he shrinks back,
My soul does not delight in him.”
But we are not of those who shrink back
to ruin but of those who have faith
to the gaining of the soul.
—Heb. 10:38-39.**

Good News of Great Joy

1. Listen closely now to His gospel free:
You were made by God to His vessel be;
You were formed as a man, To fulfill His great plan:
Now your life He wants to be!
He will be to you so real, Make your life so beautiful,
Full of joy and meaningful, If you only will.
2. In eternity He selected you,
Then He came to earth in His love for you;
On the cross, He was slain, Then He rose from the grave.
Coming forth to seek for you, To bring God Himself to you,
Life divine impart to you, Grace abundant give to you,
Satisfying you.
3. When the Triune God lives Himself in you,
He will change your being, your life renew;
You'll be quickened within, Filled with joy to the brim,
And your flesh enlivened too. Open now your heart to Him,
Breathe His name from deep within,
In an instant He'll come in, One with Him you'll be!