

Hymn 3 His Riches

(Hymn #542)

1 O the riches of my Savior,
So unsearchable, immense;
All the fullness of the Godhead
I may now experience.

Chorus

O the riches, O the riches,
Christ my Savior has for me!
How unsearchable their measure,
Yet my full reality!

2 O the riches of my Savior,
All-embracing: life and light,
Wisdom, power, healing, comfort,
Treasures rich of God's delight;

3 God's redemption, full salvation,
And His resurrection pow'r,
Sanctifying, glorifying,
All transcending every hour!

4 O the riches of my Savior-
Nothing less than God as all!
All His person and possessions,
Now my spirit doth enthrall.

5 O the riches of my Savior!
Who can know their breadth and length,
Or their depth and height unmeasured,
Yet they are my joy and strength.

6 May I know these boundless riches,
Christ experienced in full;
And with others may I share them
In their content bountiful.

*The
Blessing
of
the
Jubilee*

Scripture reading:

Lev. 25:8-17

- 8 And you shall count off seven Sabbaths of years to yourself, seven times seven years, so that you have the time of seven Sabbaths of years, that is, forty-nine years.
- 9 Then you shall sound aloud the ram's horn in the seventh month on the tenth day of the month; on the Day of Expiation you shall sound the trumpet throughout all your land.
- 10 And you shall sanctify the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you; and each of you shall return to his possession, and each of you shall return to his family.
- 11 The fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you; you shall not sow nor reap its aftergrowth nor gather from its unpruned vines.
- 12 For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy to you. You shall eat its produce out of the field.
- 13 In this year of jubilee each one of you shall return to his possession.
- 14 And if you sell anything to your fellow countryman or buy from the hand of your fellow countryman, you shall not wrong one another.
- 15 According to the number of years after the jubilee you shall buy from your fellow countryman; according to the number of crop years remaining he shall sell to you.
- 16 According to the extent of the years you shall increase its price, and according to the fewness of the years you shall diminish its price; for it is the number of crop years that he sells to you.
- 17 And you shall not wrong one another, but you shall fear your God; for I am Jehovah your God.

Isa.61:1-3

- 1 The Spirit of the Lord Jehovah is upon Me, Because Jehovah has anointed Me To bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent Me to bind up the wounds of the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the eyes to those who are bound;
- 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of Jehovah And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn;

Hymn 2 Christ as the Emancipator

(Hymn #540)

- 1 What release the Savior gave me!
Christ indeed has set me free!
All the pow'r of sin is broken,
All death's sting is passed from me!

Chorus

- Christ has made me more than conqu'ror,
By His mighty victory,
Now His resurrection power
From my spirit strengthens me!
- 2 From the law Christ has delivered,
To its claims I'm ever dead;
Nevermore the law shall bind me,
But by grace I'll live instead.
- 3 Christ has sin condemned at Calv'ry
And its power done away;
Now it has no ground within me,
I am freed from all its sway.
- 4 Death by Him has been abolished,
Incorrupted life is shown;
Death's enthralling bonds are broken,
Resurrection life is known.
- 5 Christ through death has crushed the devil,
World and demons by His might,
From the pow'r of darkness brought me
To the realm of life and light.
- 6 All-sufficient grace He giveth,
With His pow'r He covers me,
Makes me glory in my weakness
And in weakness strengthens me.

Hymn 1 Freed by the Lord
(Hymn #310)

1 Once I was bound by sin's galling fetters,
Chained like a slave, I struggled in vain;
But I received a glorious freedom,
When Jesus broke my fetters in twain.

Chorus

Glorious freedom, Wonderful freedom,
No more in chains of sin I repine!
Jesus the glorious Emancipator
Now and forever He shall be mine.

2 Freedom from all the carnal affections,
Freedom from envy, hatred and strife;
Freedom from vain and worldly ambitions,
Freedom from all that saddened my life.

3 Freedom from pride and all sinful follies,
Freedom from love and glitter of gold;
Freedom from evil temper and anger,
Glorious freedom, rapture untold.

4 Freedom from fear with all of its torments,
Freedom from care with all of its pain;
Freedom in Christ, my blessed Redeemer,
He who has rent my fetters in twain.

3 To grant to those who mourn in Zion, To give to them a headdress instead of ashes, The oil of gladness instead of mourning, The mantle of praise instead of a spirit of heaviness; That they may be called the terebinths of righteousness, The planting of Jehovah, that He may be glorified.

Luke 4:16-22

16 And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up, and according to His custom He entered on the Sabbath day into the synagogue and stood up to read.

17 And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to announce the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to send away in release those who are oppressed,

19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, the year of jubilee."

20 And when He rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant, He sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him.

21 And He began to say to them, Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.

22 And all bore witness to Him and marveled at the words of grace proceeding out of His mouth, and they said, Is not this Joseph's son?

Acts 26:16-19

16 But rise up and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a minister and a witness both of the things in which you have seen Me and of the things in which I will appear to you;

17 Delivering you from the people and from the Gentiles, to whom I send you,

18 To open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light and from the authority of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.

19 Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,

Outline:

I. Christ is the year of jubilee, the year of grace, to fallen man—Luke 4:16-22; Acts 26:18; Col. 1:12:

- A. The acceptable year of the Lord is the New Testament age of grace, typified by the year of jubilee, the fiftieth year, in which all the slaves were liberated and every man's inheritance was restored to him—Lev. 25:8-17; Isa. 61:1-3.
- B. The New Testament age of grace is a time when God accepts the returned captives of sin (Luke 15:17-24; 2 Cor. 6:2) and when those oppressed under the bondage of sin can enjoy the release of God's salvation (Rom. 7:14—8:2).
- C. We must receive the Lord Jesus as the real jubilee in us; if we have Him, we have God as our possession and can be delivered from the bondage of sin and Satan to have real freedom and rest—John 8:32, 36; Matt. 11:28-30.

II. The living of the jubilee is a living in the enjoyment of Christ, a living of enjoying God as our real inheritance and real freedom:

- A. To be in the jubilee is to enjoy the Lord Jesus as the real produce of the good land, take Him as our dwelling place for our rest, and be freed from the slavery of sin and from the bondage of law and religion—Deut. 8:7-10; Col. 1:12; Psa. 16:5; 90:1; Rom. 6:6-7; Gal. 5:1.
- B. In the jubilee all things are pleasant and satisfying to our heart, and we are free from anxiety, at ease, and exultant; hence, everything is to our satisfaction—Isa. 30:15a; 33:21-22; 61:1-2; 66:12; John 4:14.
- C. The secret of the enjoyment of rest is the gaining of Christ, the eternal God, as our enjoyment; if we have God, everything is to our satisfaction:

- 1. Paul learned the secret of living in the jubilee, the secret of gaining Christ in any kind of environment—Phil. 4:5-7, 11-13.
 - 2. When we receive Christ as our Savior and life, He comes into us to be our jubilee, but unless we allow Him to live in us and unless we live by Him, we are not practically living in the jubilee—John 8:11-12.
- D. Our possession is God, and our freedom comes from our enjoyment of God; freedom means release, to be freed from all bondage, all heavy burden, all oppression, and all enslavement—1 Cor. 6:12:
- 1. Christ as the jubilee frees us from our poverty, captivity, blindness, and oppression—Eccl. 1:2, 14; 3:11; Phil. 3:8, Rev. 3:17.
 - 2. We can be released and have real freedom only by enjoying Christ as the life-giving Spirit, the law of the Spirit of life—Rom. 7:24; 8:2.
 - 3. The only way to be released from the three kinds of labor in human life—the labor to be a good person, the labor of anxiety, and the labor of suffering—is to take Christ as our enjoyment, satisfaction, and rest—Rom. 7:24—8:2; Phil. 4:5-7; 2 Cor. 12:9.

III. “Behold, now is the well-acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” This is to proclaim the year of jubilee, the secret for man to receive God's blessing—2 Cor. 6:2; Acts 26:16-19: