

“Whispers
of
Love”

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POEMS AND PRAYERS

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Foreword

I again want to thank Almighty God for what I consider to be His “Whispers of Love” that continue to flood my mind.

I hope my thoughts will give comfort, peace, guidance and strength to all who read and I pray many will allow God to lead, guide and direct them in the days and years ahead.

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Whispers of Love

Whispers of love from heaven above
speak to this heart of mine
And tell me of the gift that cost
the life that was Divine.

The gift of my salvation
was bought upon a tree
By the lovely Son of God
who died on Calvary.

I thank Him that He whispers still
and that for good, and not for ill
May I ever attentive be
to the One who speaks to me.

John 10 v 4 & Romans 8 v 23

The Vista of Mulroy Bay

Every day from our house a vision I see
as my eyes view the vista of Mulroy Bay
Some days it's as blue as blue can be
obviously God on high created this beauty.

Some days it looks grey, bleak, morbid and sad
when there's cloud in the sky and the weather is bad
Some days it can be as rough as rough can be
and huge waves lash the sea wall relentlessly.

Other days it is still, clear, calm and serene
as it reflects beauty around it's worthy of being seen
The sea has much to teach us about our walk with God
perhaps that's why it differs daily as we walk earth's sod.

If sin remains wedged between us and God
no peace will reign within because sin blocks God's love.
Thankfully God offers to dispel the dark cloud of sin
from all who repent and put their trust in His Son!

So when tempests and trials cause trouble and woe
we should ask God to calm our dark troubled souls
because Jesus who calmed the tempest on Lake Galilee
can also calm storms within you and me!



Message in Leaves

Trees in the autumn are a sight to behold
Leaves of green, yellow, orange, and gold
Delight the eyes of people who see
their colours arrayed so attractively.

Leaves now past the fresh flush of youth
remind us of human hair colour in truth
White hair reminds us we are nearing the time
when we will leave this world behind.

Soon leaves that once looked so, so grand
will fall on clay, grass or sand
Where they will in time return to dust
just as you and I as humans must.

As the winds of autumn and winter blow
leaves cling to branches where they grow
But by and by they will tumble and fall,
soon trees will be left with no leaves at all.

Leaves appear to try to hold on tight
despite raging storms by day or by night
The same is the case with many who are ill,
they appear to defy death at will.

Troubles to each of us will come in time,
for many human beings health declines
Soon we like the leaves will have to go
and return to the dust, this we know.

When winter is past and spring is reborn
trees will with new leaves be adorned
This reminds us that we will know rebirth
If we trust in Jesus while on this earth.



Clay in the Potter's Hands

“I am the potter and you are the clay.”
says the One who created us individually.

“I have a purpose and I have a plan,
please allow me to mould you with my hands.”

“I can see there is grit,” “I can see there is grime,
they need to be removed if you are to look fine.”

“I will have to use pressure here and there
to smooth out blemishes so people won't stare.”

“I will put you through heat so you will harden
then the problems life throws at you will do you no harm.”

“I will then glaze you until you are shiny and bright
so that people will say,” “What a wonderful sight,”

“When my work is completed I then want to be
as proud of you as I possibly can be.”

“This work will take time and there will be many a day
when you will say,” “Please let me go my own way,”

“So I ask you to be patient because I want you to be
a living example of Christ Jesus for me.”



The Beauty of Flowers in Bloom

Some flowers bloom in summer, some in autumn, winter or spring
We appreciate their beauty regardless of when flowering begins.

They brighten the lives of all who their amazing beauty behold
Be they red, pink or yellow, cream, orange, purple or gold.

Some bloom for long periods, some a whole season through
While others, they bloom for only a mere day or two.

They remind us of people who trust in Jesus Christ the Lord
Some do so in early childhood living life for their God.

They brighten the lives of all who pass along their way
They reflect the beauty of their Saviour day after passing day.

Some may trust in the Lord when near life's journeys end
Then spend their final days praising their new found Friend.

Regardless of when a person blooms for Jesus Christ the Lord
Their lives should then reflect their Saviour and their God.

We know gardeners would be sad if no flowers appeared
On plants that should bloom and bloom year after passing year.

Imagine how God our Creator feels when He looks at the lives
Of people who continually reject Him yet for them His Son died.



Birds in Flight

Consider with me a flock of birds in flight
My what a truly spectacular sight,
How can they swoop, dive, soar and weave
Without colliding will you tell me?

Which bird gives the signal when and where to turn?
How do the young birds these skills learn?
Why do they not bump, bang, crash and fall?
When flying how can they change course at all?

They don't need flashing lights on the tip of their wings
Red lights on their heads or luminous rings
No hooting horns or changing traffic lights
Yet they can create such spectacular sights.

Flight appears to happen without trouble or planning
Human activity necessitates specialist managing
Birds were given the ability to do
Much that now mystifies me and you.

I'm sure you must agree this can't happen by chance
Their Creator must aid them in this spectacular dance
I am convinced and I hope so are you
That God created the birds that we view.



Geese

Geese were a very common sight on farms in days gone by,
but today it is a rare treat when our eyes a goose now spy.

In fact I am sure it is the case that many eyes have never seen
a live goose in the flesh regardless of where they have been.

Some may have seen a goose in the refrigerator in a supermarket,
but a live, vibrant goose shows little resemblance to a dead carcass.

Geese are very large birds; in physical appearance they resemble swans,
with long necks and feathered plumage they are a pleasure to look upon.

They can really look quite regal as they strut with heads held high
but they can in fact hostile, they run with necks outstretched at passersby.

I have heard a person being called a goose implying that they were stupid
I think that was unfair to the goose when the accuser was nothing to look at.

The accuser themselves bore the resemblance with outstretched neck and head held high,
heaven help anyone who riled them, their accused may have wished they then could fly.

We once had an arrogant goose; it flew to Mulroy Bay to reside with swans
on fetching it my mother-in-law clipped its wing; that settled the wan-a-be swan.

Many people who had arrogant attitudes in this country in this our day
have also had their wings clipped for the good of other residents we pray.



Our Amazing God

Mountains are amazing, mountains are great
God who created mountains was also known to create

Seas, rivers, lakes, land, vegetation, trees,
Humans, animals, fish, birds, insects and bees
God created everything with knowledge and skill

He didn't need help and He never will

Everything He created is worthy of inspection
His expertise is unsurpassed without exception

No human being could ever hope to compete
With our God who achieved these amazing feats

Yet He gave man the ability to create and do

Spectacular things that amaze me and you

How we ought to acknowledge with reverence and awe

God who created more beauty than you or I ever saw!



God wants us to shine like Stars

Although it's the middle of the night the sky is as bright can be
because of the myriads of stars that shine so, so brightly
I don't think I have ever seen as many stars in the sky,
it is an incredible vision, but many will pass by
without even giving a thought, never mind a glance
at the spectacular spectacle of the stars nightly stance
We can become so familiar with the wonders all around
that we overlook them and their Creator that is renowned
We couldn't create, put, or keep one of these stars in the sky
yet we ignore or deny the existence of their Creator on high
We do so at our peril because one day we will see
the One who created the stars also created you and me
And we're told He created us to have a relationship with Him
but if we ignore Him like the stars we will have no peace within
Like clouds that often hide beautiful stars from our eyes
sin blinds us and blocks our vision of God in our lives
But thankfully God sent His Son to clear the way
so that we could be forgiven and dwell with Him daily
Along with forgiveness He wants to give us joy, peace and love
He wants to assure us He has a home for us in heaven above
He wants us also to shine like the stars in the sky
So that others will see His radiance when to us they draw neigh.



Family Time

I hear happy children
frolicking in the sun
Splashing in the water
none wanting to be outdone.

Many clambering up the steps
then slipping down the slide
Splashing in the water
amid cheers on every side.

It is great to see families
enjoying time together
Supporting each other
building ties that last forever.



St. Patrick & The Shamrock

The tiny little shamrock, we know it very well
It's green and it's fragile but to Patrick it did tell
The story of the gospel that he shared wherever he went
And I believe by the Lord this messenger was sent.

The shamrock's three petals - spoke to one and all
Of God; the Father, Son and Spirit who could redeem man from the fall
The shamrock's petals held together on its slender stem of green
Spoke of the unity of the triune God who dwells in heaven unseen.

Patrick told about creation, man's disobedience and the fall
He told how God sent His Son to redeem all who on Him call
He told how the Spirit came to convict man of sin
Then indwell, guide and strengthen all who repent and trust in Him.

Patrick, a Welshman was obedient to the Spirits call
He came to Ireland to share the news of salvation with one and all
Thankfully many believed and were forgiven of their sin
by God our heavenly Father, the Almighty Holy One.



Let Us Reminisce

At this season of goodwill, of merriment and cheer;
Let us reminisce on why we celebrate year on year;
We celebrate because God sent His own beloved Son
To this depraved, fallen, sinful world to rescue everyone.

Jesus the King of all creation, the Creator of this earth
Laid aside His kingly station, that's why we celebrate His birth
Jesus who knew heaven's splendour was laid in a lowly manger bed
Even then His Father knew that one day thorns would crown His head
Jesus did not come with pomp to the greatest palace on earth
He came to a humble stable identifying with man of lowly birth
Angels sang their song of praise to humble shepherds in sweet accord

“Unto you is born this day a Saviour who is Christ the Lord,”

No wonder they went to investigate if this Good News was true
If we too seek the Saviour this is still Good News for me and you
The purpose for Jesus coming to earth was to save us from our sin
He can now do this for you and me if we will only let Him in.

Luke 2 v 11

For unto is born this day in the city of David a Saviour who is Christ the Lord.



Xmas

Xmas is a term for Christmas which I detest
It disregards Christ, who was born our lives to bless
We take Christ out of the equation at our peril
because without Christ, before God we have no referral.
It was Christ's birth that instigated this season of celebration
He was born to rescue sinful man from eternal damnation
So if we are wise we will honour, worship, praise and trust
this divine Son of God who loved us so much.

Luke 2:11

Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord





If we are wise we will seek Him!

I can barely believe it but you too know it is true
We will soon have another entire year to review,
That is why it is vital at this Christmas time
To realize God sent Jesus to redeem mankind.

Jesus Christ, born to a virgin of lowly birth
A manger of hay his first residence upon earth
Yet the shepherds revealed God's purpose and plan
This child was born to redeem sinful man.

No wonder the shepherds and the wise men three
Came to worship this Saviour on bended knee
The wise men brought gifts fit for a king
If we are wise we too will worship Him.

Because His birth was foretold by the prophets of old
These men bought Him myrrh, frankincense and gold
Their gifts honoured Him as King and foretold His death
They acknowledged the reason He was born on this earth.

They recognised the fact that He would one day die
This child who was born was both human and divine
Is it any wonder year on year we celebrate His birth
If we are wise we will praise Him while we have breath.



The wise seek Him!

Where is the time going; where has the time gone
It's almost a year since we recalled the birth of God's Son
It is good to remember why God sent Him to earth
If we are wise we will never, ever forget
God sent Jesus to rescue sinners like you and me
Because we were powerless to change our destiny!

Because all have sinned we were destined for hell
This our God knew when He sent the angels to tell
The shepherds the Good News that He had sent His Son
To redeem all sinners who put their trust in Him.
"Today in David's town a Saviour has been born,"
What Good News they heard that first Christmas morn.

Those shepherds went in search of Jesus, God's Son
If we are wise we like the shepherd's will also seek Him
The shepherds that night left their flock to seek
The Saviour who had come to seek His lost sheep
We know all who seek Him will certainly find
The Saviour who had come to rescue sinful mankind!



Jesus came to seek and to save!

When something is missing, something has gone
We must keep searching and searching on
Because treasure is important to you and to me
We must keep searching diligently.

God sent His Son Jesus from heaven to earth
He was born to a virgin of lowly birth
He came to earth with a purpose and plan
To seek and save sinful woman and man!

Because we were sinners we were lost in sin
God knew the only remedy was to send His Son
Jesus came knowing He would die a tree
He willingly paid the ransom for you and for me.

God considered us treasure more precious than gold
He accepted Jesus sacrifice to save sinful souls
Christmas reminds us that God's precious gift is free
But it must be accepted by you and by me.





A New Years offer that is second to none!

Now that January has arrived I would like to say
A Very Happy New Year to everybody
We have been given the gift of another New Year
But none of us know how long we'll be here
Sooner or later we'll have to go
You and I know for a fact that this is so
But where we go is choice we must make
And it is vital we don't make the mistake
Of overlooking this matter while we have time
Because none of us know when God will call on our line!
God tells us all have sinned and fallen short of His glory
And no sin can enter heaven so that is the crux of this story
He warns there is a heaven to gain and a hell to shun
He doesn't want hell to be the eternal story for anyone.
That is why God's divine Son was born in Bethlehem
God sent Jesus from heaven to earth to rescue sinful man
This child born in a stable became human although divine
God knew He alone could solve your problem and mine
Jesus lived a sinless life unlike you and me
And in time He allowed His blood to be shed in Calvary's tree
God tells us there is no cleansing without the shedding of blood
How we ought to give thanks and praise to our Saviour and Lord
He willingly gave His life; He could have refused to die
We can never repay Him no matter how we try
"No-one takes my life, I lay it down of my own accord"
Were words uttered by my wonderful, wonderful Lord
But we do need to take note and accept His offer of grace
If we reject His offer we will end in the wrong place.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God
This is what God's Word states so you and I are not odd
when we have the tendency to do wrong instead of right
We need to know God classifies us as sinners in His sight
We may have the desire to lie, steal, fight, cheat or curse
Some have the desire to kill which we classify as worse
None of us are perfect that is why God sent His only Son
We are told God is holy and no sinners can dwell with Him
When Jesus came to earth He became human although divine
He our sinless Saviour took upon himself your sin and mine
How we ought to praise Him, to worship, honour and rejoice
As He paid the penalty rather than allow us to bear sins curse
God's Word clearly tells us all sinners will be thrown into hell
Where there will be pain and suffering for all who dwell there
God created us with consciences so we know right from wrong
That's why we must admit our need and put our trust in God's Son.

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Please keep me Lord

Keep me Lord from sinning: keep me Lord from wrong,
The pull of the evil one is so very strong.

I know without your Spirit Lord I cannot survive
I am so glad you promised never to leave my side.

Teach me like the rower to aim for the shore
Teach me to use Your Precious Word like a spiritual oar.

Teach me like a boxer never to drop my guard,
I know the sly cunning one would like to leave me scarred.

Keep me like the athlete straight upon the track,
Never let me waver, never let me slack.

Keep me ever focused on my heavenly home
Where I will dwell with You Lord, never more to roam!

Romans 12:9

My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

“If”

If sinners trust in Jesus
as Saviour and Lord
They are immediately forgiven
and issued a heavenly reward.

Their souls are cleansed of sin and shame
because they have trusted in Jesus name.
They are now adopted into the family of God
and accepted as kin to Jesus Christ their Lord.

Take note of the importance of this small word “If”
To disregard it is to leave our souls at risk,
God has given man choice; it’s up to you and me
To accept is to receive God’s blessing for eternity.



I Stand in Awe of You

Blessed Holy Spirit I stand in awe of You today
Impressed that You the Holy One should inhabit lives of clay
I don't deserve Your gentleness, Your patience or Your care
My heart filled with sin and shame ignored Your presence there
Yet You in mercy led me to the Saviour from all sin
While I myself was powerless to cleanse myself within
Then You began to whisper soft and deep within my soul
Drawing me to the only one who could make my dark soul whole
You began to show me that I must be cleansed and clean
If I was to dwell with the Holy One who dwells in heaven unseen
There our God of righteousness denies access to any wrong
Yet He sent His only Son that, through faith in Him, all might belong.



How can I express my Gratitude?

How can I express my gratitude for what Christ has done for me?

No words could ever, ever express my thoughts adequately.

He alone could lift the burden that weighed upon my soul,
No human being on this earth could aim to reach that goal.

No human could reach the criteria that was set by God above
His Son alone could for sin atone by His sacrifice of love.

Jesus willingly gave His life upon the cross at Calvary
There His sinless blood was shed to gain my liberty.

Acts 4:12

*“Salvation is found in on-one else, for there is no other name
under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”*

Jesus says, “Come unto Me”

“Come to me all you who are weary and I will give you rest”

Is the invitation Jesus issues to those He wishes to bless.

His invitation, though personal, is issued to one and all
He doesn't show favouritism, He answers all who on Him call.

He doesn't say, “go to Peter, to Matthew, Mark or John,”
Nor does He say, “speak to my mother, she will help you along.”

The invitation He issues has no ifs, ands, buts or maybes,
His unconditional help is offered to all who are heavy laden.

Jesus said:

*“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened
and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28*

My Heart Felt Query

Lord who am I that you should be
loving, caring and faithful to me?
You know I love you with all of my heart,
I pray from you I will never depart.

Who am I that you should use me,
there are more intelligent people, surely?
People who have greater ability than me
to bring glory, honour and praise to Thee.

My heartfelt Prayer

Lead, guide and direct me dear Saviour I pray
Daily help me to walk your divine way
Show me the direction you would have me go
As I walk life's pathway here below.
Guard my footsteps along the way
Help me never from your path to stray,
Tune my ear to your loving voice
Help me ever in your plan to rejoice.
Grant me wisdom as I discern your will
Help me throughout life your purpose to fulfil,
Bind your precepts upon my heart
Never let me from your presence depart.

Special Time Spent With Friends

Time is something that passes so, so quickly by
Time we can never recapture no matter how we try
That is why it's important to spend precious time
with family and friends while we have healthy bodies and minds.
None of us know how much time God has allotted us within His plan
So let us make good use of our time while we may and while we can
Now I would like to give thanks for special time spent today
Time spent building memories that time can never take away
Your thoughtfulness, consideration, love, patience and care
Is something we value greatly and are privileged to share!



The Parable of the Weeds

While working in my garden
pulling weeds that I could see
A passage of Scripture came to mind,
its implications were a revelation to me.

This scripture I had often studied
I heard it read when I was a child
But now the depth of its meaning
came rushing to my mind.

It related how Jesus told the parable
of the farmer who sowed good seed
and while everybody was sleeping
the enemy sowed weeds in his field.

His servants asked their Master
“Sir, didn’t you sow good seed,
where then did the weeds come from?”
“The enemy did this!” He revealed.

“Do you want us to pull the weeds?”
was the question the servants asked
“No”, was the unexpected reply,
“least you pull the wheat with the rest.”

“Let them grow together until harvest,
then, I will tell the harvester’s on the farm.”
“Tie the weeds in bundles and burn them
and gather the good wheat into my barn.”

When the disciples asked for an explanation
Jesus said, “I sowed the good seed in the world.”
“The good seed are people who trust in me,
they will dwell with me forever in love.”

“But the weeds are the children of the devil,
take note, their sin I will judge at the end.”
“The angels will then throw them into the furnace
where there will be no redemption for them.”

No wonder Jesus asked the disciples to listen
and if we are wise we will listen as well
Because God always keeps His Divine Word
and none of us wants to end up in hell.

A Warm Welcome

As I walked along on a winters night
what caught my eye was a welcome sight,
I saw lights in a window all aglow,
I heard music and laughter from people I know.

The night was dark and the night was drear,
in my heart I knew twinges of dread and fear,
But how my heart began to soar
when I saw light stream from that open door.

As I knocked that door I was welcomed in
and I was made feel at ease by the folk within.
They gave me food and when it was time to go
they transported me by car to my family home.

This made me think of the journey of life,
we will all know times of darkness or strife.
What a blessing it is if as we travel life's way
we know the light of the Lord in our lives daily.

When we knock His door He too will welcome us in,
He has made every provision for us this world within.

He says He can and will take us all the way
to heaven where we will dwell with Him one day.

But knock we must, He won't impose His Will,
He asks us to seek Him in faith until
He opens the door and welcomes us in,
He alone has the ability to cleanse us from all sin.

God does in fact knock on our hearts door,
but many ignore Him considering Christianity a bore.
But if you're as wise as I was on that dark winter's night
you too should navigate towards His welcoming light.

Spring is A Very Busy Time

Now that spring has come and the sun has begun to shine
we see the dusty corners that hitherto we thought were fine;

Dark hidden areas now filled with rays of golden light
may reveal dust and cobwebs that before were hid from sight.

Even the proudest housekeeper who is cleaning all the time
could now be embarrassed to find hidden dust and grime.

It is now time to wash, dust, polish and then to shine,
for many, many housewives, spring is a very busy time.

If we are wise we will also note our spiritual life and health;
we need to allow God's Spirit to scan every area of "self"
There may be pride or arrogance - there may be guilt or wrath,
we ought to repent of anything that blocks our spiritual path.

God has the ability to leave us sparkling, He can leave us clean;
He desires that when folk look at us no blemish will be seen.

He knows that sin can mar and clog, like dust, dirt and grime;
If we're wise we'll seek His expertise that can cleanse every time.

Birds and their nests

Have you ever stopped to consider
how little birds build their nests
among the straggly branches
where they proudly dwell and rest?

No human builder could compete,
achieve or make amends
Swans, crows, swallows and wrens
have much to teach their human friends.

They work with skill and knowledge
without the aid of friend or foe
No human could compete with them
no matter how much they know.

Who taught the birds this skill?
They did not to college go
I think their Creator endowed them
With this skill that baffles us so.



God's Purpose in Creating Man & Woman

God created man and woman to be partners in life
that is why God in His wisdom called them husband and wife.
When God created man - He gave man control of creation
but he thought man may be lonely so to avoid agitation
God put man to sleep and created a bride
to be his helpmate on earth and live by his side.

Woman wasn't created from man's head to rule over man
but from his side to be his companion this was God's loving plan
Nor was she created from his foot to be trod on by him
instead from a rib she was created as kin
God desired that man would love woman as he should
God created her especially in a way that only He could.

Woman was created from a rib that curved under man's arm
indicating, man should protect his bride, this was God's divine plan
God meant man to live in harmony with his wife by his side
while on this planet called earth they together abide
God could have created woman as a separate entity
but God in His wisdom gave woman man's identity

It was God's intention that the two become one
in the union called marriage blessed by Him, Father, Spirit and Son.
He created them with the desire to become physically one
He gave them the ability to recreate, this was how human life begun
God created human kind to populate earth
then worship and glorify Him while in their lungs they have breath.



May God Richly Bless Your Marriage?

.....and..... I would now like to say

May God richly bless your marriage today!

May you know His council throughout married life!

May He lead and direct you as husband and wife

Let Him be your guide in the decisions you make

He has never been known to make a mistake.

May your union be blessed with love, joy and peace!

May your love for each other grow and increase

May your home be a place of contentment and rest!

Where family, friends and strangers alike are blessed;

Your father and I would now like you to know

We wish you God's blessing as you into marriage go!



Let me tell you of my Saviour's love

Let me tell you of my Saviour's love
This One who resides in heaven above
He who intercedes at His Father's side
He's my Redeemer, Lord and Guide.
He took my sin and He took my shame
Can you see why I praise His name?
If He did for you what He did for me
Then you would want to praise Him too.

Our God gives the invitation to all
Who see their great need and on Him call
Jesus says, "I'm only a prayer away,
Come to me and do not delay."
He can give peace and He can give joy
that Satan's schemes cannot destroy,
He promises to lead you all the way
So why not come to Him to-day.

Let Him put a new song in your heart
He longs now to give you a brand new start
Then together we'll praise His name on high
Until we meet Him by and by.
He took my sin and He took my shame
Can you see why I praise His Name?
If He did for you what He did for me
Then you would want to praise Him too.

I Long to Praise Your Name Lord

I long to praise your name Lord
I lift my voice and sing
I want to glorify you
My risen Lord and King!

You are my loving Saviour
You are my dearest Friend,
Heaven itself is filled with joy,
There praises never end.

You broke the cords that bound me,
Sins fetters rent in twain
You the sinless Son of God;
Bore my sin, guilt and shame.

I want to praise your name Lord
'cause you died in my stead;
How can I ever thank you
It was for my sin you bled.

I never can repay you Lord
You tell me not to try
I dedicate my life to you
I'll serve you till I die.

1 Peter 2 v 24

He (Jesus) himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

Please accept my thanks

Blessed Holy Spirit
Accept my thanks I pray,
You pointed me to the only One
Who could take my sin away.
You pointed me to Jesus
Who is the Life, the Truth, the Way,
I am glad to say Jesus kept His word
He gave me new life that day.

Now I want to praise Him
To lift His name on high,
Jesus Christ the Son of God
Can save all who to Him draw nigh.
Let us point our friends to Jesus
Who is the Life, the Truth, the Way,
They too can know the peace I found
He can give them New Life today.

John 10 v 10 Jesus said, *“I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.”*

The Keys of my Life

When I handed the keys of my life
to One who's a better driver than me
He said, "Never worry my child,
just leave the navigation to me."

"It is my aim and ambition,
to lead every woman and man
to a truly spectacular destination,
trust me I have a wonderful plan."

"I know every bend on the journey,
I will guide every step of the way,
I can assure you there is nothing to fear,
I promise I won't lead you astray."

"I don't charge for my services,
the fee has already been paid.
If you require further information
the Bible will confirm what I said."



Eternity spent with Jesus!

Lord, I don't deserve the privilege of sitting by your side
Yet your Word says I will, when I with you in heaven abide.

Sitting by Your throne is beyond my expectation,
While kneeling at your feet would be a more appropriate station.

My mind cannot conceive what my eye has not yet seen
I can only speculate because of the places I have been.

Palaces of great opulence, of splendour, wealth and style,
Where royalty have resided while living on earth a while!

The Divine author of the Bible found it difficult to explain
The majesty of heaven where Jesus Christ has gone to reign!

All mortal earthly royals reign on earth but for a season
While Jesus, the King of kings will reign without cessation.

Eternal, is the word used to explain time in heaven without end
Where the saved will dwell with Jesus, their Saviour, and Friend!

Rev. 3:21

*To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne,
just as I overcame and sat down with my father on his throne.*

On the old Rugged Cross

On the old rugged cross of Calvary
Jesus Christ my Saviour died,
He willingly paid the price for sin
That I might with Him abide.

My heart is filled with thankfulness
My mouth is filled with praise,
On that cross He became my substitute
I will thank Him all my days.

It should have been me upon that tree
But in mercy He took my place,
I will constantly trust and praise my Lord
Until I meet Him face to face.



Friendship

Friendship is a blessing this many of us know
Because we experience the love that someone on us bestows
Good relationships are precious; friendship, money cannot buy
We ought to value friends who love us enough to try
To overlook our failings and love us despite all
Our shortcomings and weaknesses yet are there to help when we call.
We ought to thank our God for friends who are so good and true
They remind us of our Saviour who gave His Life for me and you
He died because He loved us even when we were deep in sin
His precious blood was shed because He wanted to befriend everyone.

John 15:13

*Greater love has no man than this; that he lay down his life for his
friends.*

Good Friends

Friends are good and friends are great
A good friend's company we appreciate
Friends can be girls or friends can be boys
Friends sometimes let us play with their toys
Friends can be big or friends can be small
The size of friends doesn't matter at all
Friends are there for us when we call
Friends can pick us up when we fall
When we talk to friends they understand
Friends usually help us out when they can
When I leave this earth will someone say of me?
"She was the very best friend that there could be."
There is one friend that is better than all
He is Jesus Christ the divine Son of God
He is the friend that sticks closer than a brother
If we're wise we'll love Him more than any other.

***I believe God says to all who put their trust in him as he said to
Joshua, in Joshua 1:5***

*"As I was with Moses, so I will be with you: I will never leave
you or forsake you."*

Our God asks us to serve Him

Our God asks us to serve Him in any way we can.

He says, “Will you make a sandwich for that hungry man?”

“Will you lend an ear to that person in distress?”

“Will you mind the children for that mother who needs a rest?”

“Will you offer a bed to that person who needs to stay?”

“Will you buy a meal for that person who cannot pay?”

“Will you use your voice to tell of my mercy, grace and love?”

“Will you hear ‘Well done my child’ as I look down from above?”

“If so I will be confident to send hurting people your way
so they can know I love them as they walk earth’s pathway.”

Luke 10:27

Jesus answered: “*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind*’, and,
‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’”



Please Show me Lord!

Please show me Lord what you want me to know
Please show me Lord where you want me to go
Please show me Lord what you want me to see
Please show me Lord what you want me to be
Please show me Lord what you want me to do
Please show me Lord how I can please you
Please show me Lord how I ought to be
Please show me Lord how you see me.

Thank you Lord for answered prayer
Thank you Lord for your loving care
Thank you Lord for redeeming grace
Thank you Lord for your gift of peace
Thank you Lord for forgiving my sin
Thank you Lord for considering me kin
Thank you Lord for my home in heaven
Thank you for promising to leave me never.

Jesus died because He loved us

Jesus died because He loved us;
It was for our sin He bled,
It was to guarantee our resurrection
That He rose up from the dead.

We never can repay our Lord
For the massive debt we owe,
All He asks is that we love and trust Him
And share His love that others may know.

It is a privilege to serve Him;
To hearken to His voice,
It's a joy to introduce folk to Him
And see them in their souls rejoice.

John 3: 16 & 17

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world but to save the world through him.

A Prayer from the Heart

Take us and break us and help us to shine
Forever for Thee in this world of Thine!
Help us to live our lives to please
None other Lord only Thee.

May Thy Spirit and Word alone be our guide!
May we seek to live close by Thy side!
Fill our hearts until they o'er-flow
With the love that you bestow!

Please help us draw closer day after day
Until we reflect Thy Divine Way
Help us to live our lives to please
None other Lord ----- only Thee!



Please forgive me Lord

Please forgive me for judging others
In the manner that I do
While I myself am guilty Lord
Of not submitting my all to You.

Please give me a loving heart Lord,
Give sight to my blinded eyes
Give me clarity of thought Lord
To understand Your heart and mind.

Please give me strength to do Your will
While on this earth I stay
Please give me the ability to overcome
Each trial that comes my way!



Our Attitude of Heart

When we humans see our sinfulness
In the sight of a holy God
Many fall prostrate in repentance
Seeking His mercy and His love!

Spiritual and physical needs are met
When we fall on our knees and pray
Recognising our need of God's touch
Whether we call by night or day!

When communing with our God
We may sit, stand, kneel or lie
The attitude of our sinful heart
Is what concerns our God on high!



Salvation

Salvation is not about what we do for God
It's about what He has done for us
Salvation is gained by faith
When in Christ Jesus we trust.

If we repent and trust Jesus as Saviour
We'll know forgiveness and cleansing from sin
God then instructs us to share this good news
So others might know His peace within.

God classifies all believers as precious,
Brought back by Him from the brink
We are now considered as being of use
Rather than being worthless, extinct.

Like priceless trophies of gold or silver
We are now given a special role
That of serving the King of Kings
With our bodies, hearts and souls!

A Searching Question

If your house was on fire,
If all around you was ablaze,
If I said I could save you
Would you refuse my aid?

Would you hesitate, ask questions,
Would you say, "I'm alright, I'm fine
I don't need you to save me
I'll get out in my own time?"

Or would you cry, "Help me"
Admitting there's naught you could do,
Only accept the offer of "grace"
That I was offering to you?

If I brought you to safety
Aware you were now living and well:
Would you declare me the "saviour"
Who rescued you from "hell"?

This is an earthly picture
Of our spiritual problem within,
Jesus Christ is the only Saviour
Who can save our souls from sin.



The Choice Is Ours!

Jesus choose the disciples but He also choose you
If He put desire in your heart His divine will to pursue.

His Holy Spirit is calling, “Come now follow me
I have much in this world I want you to do for me.”

On hearing the invitation the disciples answered the call
Instantly forsaking everything - family, friends, work and all!

They stepped out in faith, this we are all asked to do
It is God’s divine purpose to reveal His Will to you.

While twelve disciples followed one was unwilling to do
His Master’s divine will, he sought his own will to pursue.

If we’re wise we’ll take note, Judas regretted His choice
With remorse, before dying he deep regret voiced.

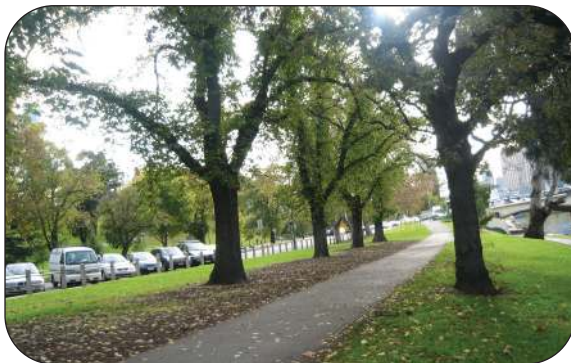
Matthew 27: 3 – 5. v 3. When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders. v4. “I have sinned, he said, for I have betrayed innocent blood.” “What is that to us?” they replied “That’s your responsibility.” v5. So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself.

I rest in the shadow of my Saviour Divine

I rest in the shadow of my Saviour Divine
As I live my life one day at a time
I thank Him for His gift of redeeming grace
And for His Spirit that guides in all truth.

I thank Him for mercy, love, peace and joy
That this world can't give and can't destroy
I thank Him for saving my soul from sin
And for promising me eternal life with Him!

I rejoice that when my earthly life is run
I will dwell eternally in heaven with Him
There I will meet my Saviour face to face
And dwell with all who accepted His grace.



The Amazing Ability of Jesus

Lord I marvel at your healing power
I want to extol you hour by hour
I believe there is nothing you can't do
That is why I worship and honour you.

Your Word states and I believe it's true
People who trust in you can do
Whatever they seek within Your Will
Your purpose you can help them fulfil.

When you became man you were able to do
Miracles that amazed more than a few
Your Word states because you are still the same
You enable believers to do much in Your Name.



New Babes in Christ

A wonderful revelation came to my mind last night
of how special and precious we are in our Heavenly Father's sight.
I saw the picture of a baby weighing just over 1 lb. in weight
in the hand of the doctor who delivered it, what an incredible feat!

That baby survived because of skilled attention and care
although tiny, weak and helpless its many needs were met there
That fragile premature baby was powerless and unable to do
anything to keep itself alive in this world it was born into.

I then recalled that I read in God precious Holy Word
of how David in his need relied on his divine, sovereign Lord
He told how he was upheld and sustained by the right hand of God
what a beautiful picture of our wonderful, wonderful Lord.

Like that little baby we too must rest in the loving care
of God who can give new life and sustain us eternally there
As a mere babe in Christ, I know I was also powerless to do
anything to attain spiritual life, it will be the same with you!

That baby like us was the child of its father and mother
born on this earth because it was given life by another
As sinful beings we are offered new life in God's Son,
all we have to do is repent to receive eternal salvation in Him!

Psalm 63: 7 & 8

*Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings.
My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.*

A Very Embarrassing Incident

When at Church in Aussie-land we were embarrassed beyond belief!
Our mobile phone started ringing and pressing buttons brought no relief.

The ringing would stop for a moment only then to carry on
Eric at length took out the battery – we had silence but not for long.

I then made a hurried exit with phone clutched firm in hand
On the concourse I met a stranger – this expert our phone then scanned.

He with knowhow in puzzlement pressed buttons and links galore
But he was as puzzled as I was and that certainly was for sure.

But then my eyes saw Stewart – our Aussie friend from Ireland
To say he had a look of amusement was an understatement if you knew the man.

“We have an answer to the problem! I thought you might like to know,”
These words slipped off his tongue while his eyes were all aglow.

“After you left the Church the ringing continued inside,
because Eric had a second phone – this fact had slipped his mind.”

At last we had an answer for the commotion caused that day
We also had a laugh as we made apologies to all who passed our way.

We were thankful that our problem was witnessed by very few
While sorry we had disturbed worship this incident taught us something too.

It taught us to be compassionate with all who pass our way
Because all may not be as it seems - to another on any day.

This service was exceptional although not as the preacher planned
None the less it was a special time, we felt God’s blessing on every hand.

We could not have been made more welcome by the folks we met that day
May God’s blessing rest upon them as they seek to honour Him in all they do
and say.

It is possible to be what God intended you to be?

It is possible to be what God intended you to be,
He has given you the ability and will
You have potential that you don't even see
but if you start I know you soon will

God has given you eyes, ears, a nose, a mouth, a brain,
a heart, plus two hands and two feet
If you start to put these gifts to good use
You will be amazed at your ability to compete.

If you open your eyes you will see great need
because there are people in need all around
Many are lonely, depressed, sad, sick or broke,
show them where help can be found.

If you stretch out your hands in friendship and love
and with a heart of compassion then tell
How you can help them get a new start,
help them then tread their new path as well.

The stench of injustice hangs on the air,
the media daily reports misdeeds,
Lawbreakers, criminals, murders and thieves
disregard the law and citizens needs.

People have physical and spiritual needs,
mental needs are plentiful as well
If we have answers to life's problems,
why, oh why would we not want to tell

If you then put your brain into action
I know for a fact you will see
That the gifts God gave you to help others
will enrich your life because He holds the key.

Blemishes Erased

Tip-Ex and rubber erasers
can many blemishes delete
Leaving script free from errors
as written work we complete.

My husband can ease aches
caused by strain and stress
He can make me feel relaxed
as I lay my head upon his chest

Our God and Heavenly Father
can rid souls of every stain
With the blood of His dear Son
Who for our sin was slain!

If we seek Divine cleansing;
trusting in Jesus Christ as Lord
His peace and joy we'll know within,
we'll want to share this news abroad.

We can then rest in His presence
forgiven, cleansed and clean,
Redeemed, renewed, reinstated,
restored to where we should have been.

Words too important to dismiss!

Speaking to churches in the book of Revelation
Jesus was heard certain words to quote
And if we are wise we will pay attention
To these words that are worthy of note.

I know, I have, I am, and I will,
Are words He was heard to repeat
Because He deliberately used these words
His reason we would be wise to seek.

He continually used the statement “I Know”
So He wants you and me to see
Nothing is hidden from His searching eye
And we will to Him bow the knee.

He wants us to know that He is the judge
To whom we will give an account
When He says “I have” taken note of your deeds
We know He is able to count.

When He says “I am” He wants us to know
That although He died He has risen
And He is the one who holds the keys
To eternal life and eternal prison!

Another very, very important word
He wants you and me to see
He says “If” we repent of our sins
From judgement He will set us free

The words “I will” are deliberately used
So we dismiss these words at our peril
Because Jesus says He will judge this world
And without Him we have no referral.

Lord, help me please!

Lord as I speak in verse, as I speak in rhyme
I pray my words, will resemble Thine
May all who read be able to see
what Your loving presence means to me.

Lord, help me describe the peace within
when my heart was cleansed from guilt and sin
Help me to tell of Your amazing grace
and Your promise of strength for this earthly race.

Lord, help me to tell of Your mercy and love,
that offers repentant sinners a home in heaven above
Daily open minds that many people may see
that You love them as much as You love me.

Your tenderness, gentleness, kindness and patience
is unprecedented in these days of broken relationships
Yet many people heedlessly go their own way
paying little attention to what Your Word has to say.

The Bible tells us You are holy, faithful and just
You will judge mankind with Divine righteousness
But you warn un-forgiven sin - will banish many to hell
where they will dwell forever without mercy or care.

An Awesome Responsibility

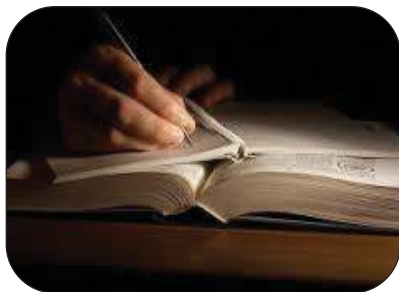
We have an awesome responsibility
when putting words on paper
If our theology is correct
someone may trust the Saviour.

But if our theology is wrong
we as writers may never know
Yet something we have written
may cause someone eternal woe.

We ought to seek the leading
of the Spirit of our God
He is the One who loves all
who will read our written word!

We must study His instruction book
He has put His thoughts in print
His Word is the Word of Truth
as for errors there is not a hint!

Whenever I put pen to paper
I pray I will never write
Anything that will cause confusion
as readers view life in an eternal light!



Seek His Cleansing

Before going away on holiday
I worked hard so I could be
Happy that all was shipshape
Should anyone come and see.

It was then I realized
that my life should also be
Clear, clean and spotless
because my God above sees me.

Before Him all is visible,
before Him sin cannot hide
We must seek His cleansing
if with Him we want to abide.

While I had cleansed my home
and the evidence was there to see
I was powerless to cleanse my soul,
only my Saviour could do that for me.

I know this because I tried,
but my weak efforts were in vain
It was then I knew His cleansing power,
praise and glory to His name!

Inspirational Competitors

The Paralympics were inspirational
because all who watched could see
the potential of the individual
regardless of capacity.

The commitment, effort and skill
filled all who watched with awe
Spectators were overwhelmed
every day by what they saw.

The willpower and determination
was clearly plain to see
Individuals gave of their very best
appearing to break records effortlessly.

Of course that was not the case,
much hard work had gone before
With headaches, pains and blisters
and many painful muscles I'm sure.

Despite disability and discomfort
keeping their Olympic goal in view
competitors achieved targets
that thrilled me and you.

They showed courage and strength
they put many able bodied to shame
They became inspirational role models,
they placed disability on a higher plane.



Communication



Communication is changing day after day

There are many ways we can now hear what people have to say

When I was a child we had to speak face to face

Write a letter or send a telegram if someone was in a different place

We could also as a corporate people hear what individuals had to say

By turning on the radio if we had one and tuning in daily

Telephones were then invented so we could talk to folk far and near

When we put a handset to our ear we could another person hear

We thought this was the greatest invention there could ever be

We had no concept of the technology that is now plain to see

The television in black and white was the next human invention

To bring entertainment into homes was the inventor's intention

I recall watching *Come Dancing* and hearing Mrs Kearney senior say

“Wouldn't it be nice to see the colour of those dresses some day?”

Now we have mobile phones and computers that enable us to do

Work of all kinds in most places on small screens we can view

Day after day we hear of more new technology and inventions

Some enabling many to break God's Laws and moral conventions

Of course it was God who gave man the ability to achieve

The goals he has reached and the concepts he has conceived

But many forget to give God His rightful place

They forget they can speak with Him face to face

He doesn't need computers or a satellite dish

To commune with us in love is His divine wish

He sent His Son to be His intermediary between you and me

He asks us to trust Jesus who died for us on Calvary's tree.



Computers

Computers are amazing, computers are great
I have no words to express the difference computers make.

They lessen the workload, they save on time
With the minimum of effort and space you will find

It is now possible to plan, produce and do
much more that hitherto it was possible to.

A person with a computer can now achieve
more than an office full of workers could before conceive

There is now information at the flick of a switch:
information that before was only available to the rich.

It is now possible within minutes of a disaster or crime
to know all the details by simply going on line.



Grumbling

If we grumble and grouse, if we murmur and complain
it doesn't change a thing all still stays the same

We will only become troubled and grieved in our souls
and all who meet us in life will seek escape holes

People have enough troubles and trials of their own
without listening to our troubles, moans and groans.

If we then complain about strangers, friends or foes
hearers will wonder if their confidences too will flow?

Those who hear of us will leave feeling depressed
thinking if they were to meet us their lives too would be stressed?

What a difference it makes if we are pleasant, helpful and kind
aiming to alleviate others with problems of body, soul or mind.

We ourselves will know peace, pleasure and joy each day
if we are loving, kind and gentle with those who pass our way.



Believe in Yourself

Believe in yourself and I know you will see
remarkable changes in your life generally
You will become more confident and more able to do
the everyday things that are asked of you
God has given you potential to be the best you can be
He has given you abilities that you don't even see
He wants you to say, "With God's help, I will"
He will then enable you His purpose to fulfil
When God created you He had a purpose in mind
if you'll allow Him He will reveal that purpose you'll find
Don't try to be someone He never intended you to be
He created you to be you and me to be me,
He wants your life to be a blessing to everyone you meet
so believe in yourself and His guidance seek.



“I will give you rest”

Many lives are heavy laden
Many hearts are in despair
Many people carry burdens
too heavy for them to bear.

Many people now seek comfort
where no comfort can be found
Many people choose a way out
causing heartache for all around.

Sadly many people do not to know
that Christ was heard to say
“Come to me all you who are heavy laden.”
this invitation is still on offer to-day.

He didn't even stop there,
He then went on to say
The very words many need to hear
in our world in this our day.

“I will give your rest”
Is the claim He was heard to make
I know many people have proved
His claim was no mistake.

Jesus Christ the Son of God
Can cleanse us from all sin
He alone can give us peace
In this world we are living in.





God's Harvest of Souls

As we travel the road of life
we'll see many scenes along the way
If God's Word planted in spring
takes root and sprouts initially.

If the Word by faith is fertilised
then growth we soon will see
If the Holy Spirit is sought
He'll moisten the soil periodically.

As green shoots begin to sprout
the promised harvest is on the way
But "weeds" must be dealt with
if a crop is to be saved one day.

Love, joy, peace and patience
Should sprout within our soul
Plus kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness and self-control.

What a blessing it is to see
a life blossoming in God's **SON**
as new growth flourishes
it nourishes everyone.

What a great day of rejoicing
when God's harvest is gathered in
Our Heavenly Farmer will have a party
as He gathers His harvest home.

Be Wise

Many people do not know
the way to heaven above
Many people are confused
yet Jesus explained in love
“I am the Way, the Truth, the Life,”
So there is no other way
If we are wise we will take note
or bear the consequences eventually.
No matter where we travel,
no matter where we roam
We won't reach the right destination
if we ignore the road signs shown.

John 14:6

Jesus answered, *“I am the way, and the truth and the life.
No-one comes to the Father except through me.”*





An Amazing Fact

When we come to God in prayer
Be it by night or be it by day
We can be sure God will always hear
He is only ever a prayer away.

A Wonderful Truth

It is lovely to be able to sit at ease
And commune with God in prayer
We have access to His listening ear
He will always meet us there,

One Very Important Fact!

You may not like to hear what I'm going to say
and that is all right but I'm going to say it anyway
There is one fact of life we dismiss at our peril
because if we ignore this fact we have no referral
"It is appointed unto man once to die" yet if we trust
in Jesus for salvation we will dwell with Him on high
but if we ignore His offer of redemption and grace
we will spend eternity in a very different place
that place God's divine Word describes as hell
where there will be pain, suffering and separation
and where we would not even want our animals to go
never mind family, friends or the neighbours we know
so please pay attention while you have time
and search God's precious Word line upon line
please see if there is truth in what I have to say
because I want to meet you in heaven one day.

Matthew 10 : 28

*Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.
Rather, be afraid of the One who can kill both soul and body in hell.*

Revelation 20 : 13 - 15

*The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up
the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to
what they had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of
fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone's name was not
found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the fire.*

You say I'm talking in riddles

When God created mountains, land, rivers and seas
He did a great job I'm sure you'll have to agree
He excelled by creating animals, birds, fish and man
Our God created nothing without a purpose and plan.

God gave man a body with a heart, mind and soul
But man will never be complete until God has control
Because we were created to serve and glorify Him
We cannot do so until our souls are cleansed of sin.

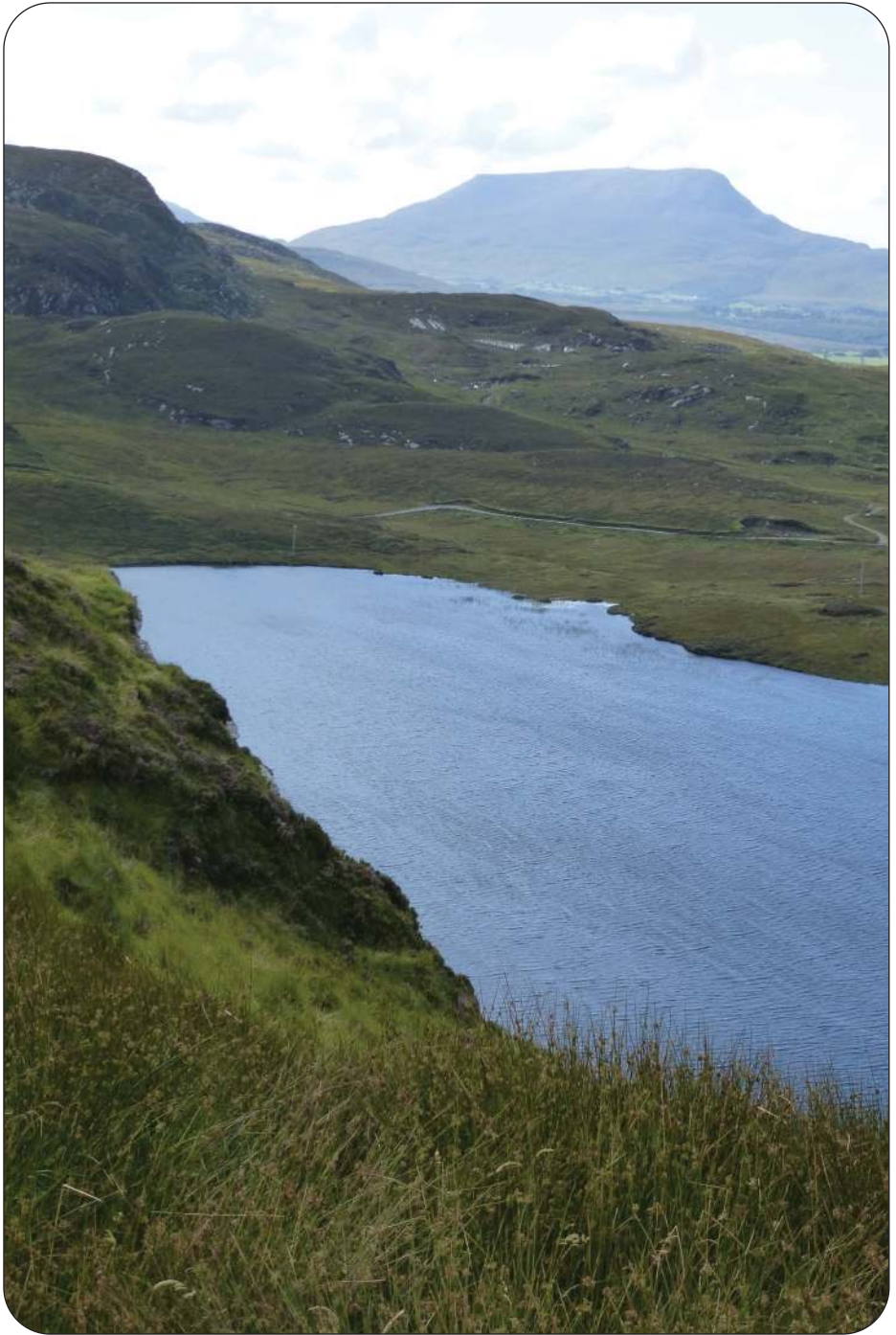
You say, "I don't agree you are out of your mind
You keep talking in riddles most of the time
I say, "That's all right you are entitled to your view
But God says there's truth in what I'm saying to you.

God's Word tells us Satan tempted man to sin
By eating fruit that God said was forbidden to him
God had told Adam if he ate the fruit of that tree
He would die not only physically but spiritually.

Adam succumbed to temptation and ate of that fruit
He immediately knew he had sinned in God's sight
His soul that had previously been happy and free
was now bound in sin: Adam had lost liberty.

Because Adam was the forefather of all mankind
We too have been inflicted by sin's strong bind
Like Adam we are powerless to set ourselves free
good works or good intentions can't give liberty.

Thankfully God saw man's plight and He sent His Son
only Jesus could redeem sinful man from sin
God accepted the sacrifice Jesus paid on the tree
If we repent and trust in Jesus God will set our souls free!



God requires trust in His Son's Sacrifice

Many people in our world today
Aim to wash the stain of sin away
But soap and water will never suffice
God requires trust in His Son's sacrifice.

God's Word tells us there is no other way
We can stand cleansed on judgement day
Jesus blood was shed as a sacrifice for sin
Forgiveness can be gained by trusting in Him.

Trusting means acknowledging sin within
Repenting and placing our trust in God's Son
If we turn from self and live His way
We will dwell in heaven with Him one day.

When cleansing and peace then reign within
We should give thanks, praise and glory to Him
Knowing of ourselves there is naught we can do
Other than tell others they can be cleansed too.

Acts 17 : 30 & 31

In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent. For He has set a day when He will judge the world with justice by the man He has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising Him (Jesus) from the dead.

TIME

My how time is passing
How the seconds fly
Minutes seem to disappear
It is the same for you and I.

Hours they just evaporate
Weeks they come and go
Months seem to pass us by
You too know that this is so.

The years seem to vanish
Childhood soon is gone
I think youth dissolves
We are old before very long.

It is said if we are wise
We should really appreciate
Our God given time
Before it's too late!

Time is a precious gift
That's been given you and me
If we're wise we'll use time
Rather than waste it foolishly.

How we use the time allotted
Is more important than the span
God will hold us responsible
For how we treat our fellow man!

Time is a Gift from God

Time is a precious gift from God
That has been offered to you and me
We can either use it to full potential
Or fritter it away carelessly.

Each minute is valuable and precious
A limited number is allotted you see
If we are wise we will cherish each minute
And not waste it foolishly.

We can use time to help or hinder
We can use time to love or hate
We can make this world a better place
But we need to start before it's too late.

God knows our bodies also need rest
Jesus took time to rest and pray
We need to follow His example
To benefit physically and spiritually!

God has given us a blank canvas
To paint our earthly lives upon
Will our finished canvas be beautiful?
Or will God be ashamed to look thereon?



It's not about doing – the work has been done!

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Our heavenly Father in mercy sent His own beloved Son
 To pay the ransom that we couldn't pay
Jesus willingly let His blood be shed on Calvary that day
 Each one of us is stained and tainted with sin
 God knew we were powerless to satisfy Him
 Because God is holy we can't look on His face
That's why His sinless Son had to die in our place
 Yet in mercy God offers sinners like you and me
Forgiveness, pardon, cleansing and redemption for free
 He also gives purpose, peace, satisfaction and joy
 That this world cannot give and cannot destroy
 Is it any wonder I praise Him day after day
If you have received salvation you'll understand what I say
 Although salvation is free it is not automatic
We must repent and trust in Jesus or we will remain static.

Secure Your Eternal Destination

When travelling on the bus anxious thoughts came to mind
Because we were travelling at night it appeared we were travelling blind.

Of course that was not the case because the driver was well aware
Of exactly where we were going, it was his job to get us there.

Tickets to selected destinations - his punch confirmed “paid in full”
It was his duty to escort passengers to their destination under company rule.

He did so with skill and ease although wind and rain abounded,
Our faith in him was justified, our fears now proved unfounded.

We’re all travelling the road of life; eternal destinations - there are two
Make sure you choose the right one because the other I know you’ll rue.

Jesus has already bought our ticket to His home in heaven above
He will escort us if we trust Him to that place where we’ll be eternally loved.



'But, If and Therefore'

But, if and therefore are significant words you'll find
These important words were used when God had us in mind
Let me give a few illustrations and I hope you then will see
The importance of these words within our vocabulary!

Take note, in Romans 6 and verse 23 –

St. Paul used the word “but” deliberately

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life!

What an amazing statement to hear in this world of sin and strife

This word “but” acts like a hinge that opens up the way

Between the judgement of God and the new life God offers freely

Paul says God offers us salvation through Jesus Christ, His Son

“but” we must accept that offer if we want to be saved by Him.

Now let us look at the significance of the little word called “if”

Speaking of Jesus, Timothy explains how Jesus wants us to live life

If we died with Him we will also live with Him

if we endure with Him we will also reign with Him

if we disown Him He will also disown us

if we are faithless He will remain faithful.

Note while Jesus Christ paid the price for our sin
salvation is not automatic

We must die to sin and put our trust in him

or he will disown us and we will remain static

Let us now look at the word “therefore” because as far as I can see
When the word “therefore” is used in scripture it is used deliberately

Therefore if anyone is in Christ

he is a new creation

the old has gone and the new has come

What wonderful news this should be for everyone

We should shout from the mountain tops of the peace Christ gives within

Because many need their burdens lifted and their souls cleansed of sin

We again read the word “therefore” in Romans 12 verse 1

Here Paul clearly tells us what God expects of everyone

Therefore I urge you brothers

in view of God's mercy

offer your bodies as living sacrifice

holy and pleasing to Him.

Fun with Words

Why are **women** called ladies while **boys** are called lads?
Why are **men** called gentlemen while **girls** are called gals?

Many words in English are hard to explain

No wonder many find studying English a **pain**.

Speaking of **pain** there can be confusion there too

A **pane** in a window differs from a **pain** in a toe

You tell me to shush because I'm a **pain** in the neck

But I say **no** please let us these words inspect

Because I **know** these words you may not understand

and if you **knew** them they might help you to land

a **new** job because you would then **be** able to **see** and discern

the needs of the **bee** keeper who needs to earn

a good living regardless of being so close to the **sea**

where he would meet **sea** - farers who like honey from **bees**.

You tell me to shush, please don't carry **on**

But I say wait until you see the salary I'm **on**

You say it's not the money you're **on** that now concerns me

It's whatever is making you talk so ridiculously.

This is just a bit of fun but I hope you now can see

How difficult life may be for newcomers to our country.

Yet words are amazing because words can say

So many things in many different ways!

Christianity is Not a Game

Be wise, don't play at Christianity
because Christianity is not a game.
If we receive the judgement of God
we will only have ourselves to blame.

New Birth we are told is essential
if to heaven we want to go;
Jesus Christ gave His sinless life
that sin's curse He might overthrow.

Born in sin and shaped in iniquity
is a fact man can't dismiss;
If we disregard Christ's offer
then we leave our souls at risk.

If we are left to our own devices
we have no power to save our souls;
But Jesus in mercy gave His Life
that sins judgement we might forgo.

Now He lovingly offers salvation
as a gift to all – it's free;
He alone can cleanse our souls
and give us life for all eternity.

In these difficult days of recession
the general public grasp all that's free;
Yet this gift most casually dismiss,
They reject this giver's Sovereignty.

Romans 6;23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

“Except a man be born again”

“Except a man be born again
he cannot see the kingdom of God”
this new birth God requires of us
if we are to dwell in heaven above.

A visa is required for entry
to gain citizenship of any land
New Birth is required for heaven
this is all part of God’s divine plan.

God says our souls are dead in sin
But He offers us new life within
His Holy Spirit will ignite the flame
If we put our trust in Jesus name

You and I are powerless to do
what God requires of me and you
So God sent Jesus to bear our sin
He alone could give us life within.

We don’t have to bargain, plead or pay
but we must repent and go God’s way
If Christ is to save our souls from sin
and allow us to spend eternity with Him.

John chapter 3

St. Paul

*“I know in whom I have believed
and am persuaded that He is able
to keep that which I have committed
unto Him against that day.”*

These words of faith were uttered
by Saint Paul, the apostle of old
After he was convicted of sin
by Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Paul who had persecuted people
who had trusted in Jesus as Lord
was convicted of his wrong doing
by the Holy Spirit of God

But now he firmly believed
that Jesus, God’s Son was the One
To whom he could entrust his life
for now and for time to come.

Paul became an advocate
For his divine Saviour and Lord
He spent his life witnessing
to the grace and mercy of God.

We too like Paul ought to trust
In Jesus who can save from sin
Only He can give peace and joy
To all who put their trust in him.

Please help me Lord!

Help me Lord to focus on your will today
Help me Lord to listen to what you have to say
Help me Lord to hear your tender loving voice
Help me Lord to always in your will rejoice
Help me Lord never from your path to stray
Help me to discern your will through trials that come my way
Help me to understand your purpose and your plan
Help me to show your grace and love to my fellowman
Help me to trust you to lead; guide and keep
Help me to abide in you whether awake or asleep
Help me to never wander to from your loving care
Help me to offer comfort to those who are in despair
Help me to give glory to your blessed holy name
Help me to rejoice in my Saviour who bore my shame.



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