**I Come By the Blood**

Steve and Vikki Cook

You are the perfect and righteous God

Whose presence bears no sin

You bid me come to your holy place

How can I enter in

When your presence bears no sin?

Through him who poured out his life for me,

The atoning Lamb of God

Through him, through His work alone, I boldly come!

*I come by the blood,*

*I come by the cross,*

*Where your mercy flows*

*From hands pierced for me,*

*For I dare not stand*

*On my righteousness*

*My every hope rests*

*On what Christ has done,*

*And I come by the blood*

You are the high and exalted King,

The One the angels fear

So far above me in every way,

Lord, how can I draw near

To the One the angels fear?

Through him who laid down his life for me

And ascended to your side

Through him, through Jesus alone, I boldly come!

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*My every hope rests on what Christ has done*

*X3*

*And I come by the blood.*

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**Be Thou My Vision**

Eleanor Henrietta Hull/Mary Elizabeth Byrne

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;

Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art

Thou my best thought by day or by night,

Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;

I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord;

Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;

Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;

Thou my inheritance, now and always;

Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,

High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won,

May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heav’n’s sun;

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,

Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

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**This Week’s Catechism**

QUESTION #28 --How is Christ exalted?

ANSWER -- Christ is exalted by His rising from the dead on the third day, His going up into heaven, His sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and His coming to judge the world at the last day.

Scripture: John 17:5, Hebrews 2:9

Training Hearts, Teaching Minds: pp. 94-96

*For further family discussion pick up a copy of “Training Hearts, Teaching Minds” by Starr Meade from the Welcome Center. This book includes daily readings.*

**Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me**

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer

There is no more for heaven now to give

He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom

My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus

For my life is wholly bound to His

Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!

Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken

For by my side, the Saviour He will stay

I labour on in weakness and rejoicing

For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me

Through the deepest valley He will lead

Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!

Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven

The future sure, the price it has been paid

For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon

And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated

Jesus now and ever is my plea

Oh the chains are released, I can sing:

I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus

For He has said that He will bring me home

And day by day I know He will renew me

Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus

All the glory evermore to Him

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:

Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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**Study Questions**

1. Describe a time when you were facing obstacles that seemed completely overwhelming. In that moment, did God seem near or far? What (if any) comfort did you find in God’s Word?

2. Read Joshua 1:1-4. How do you think Joshua might have felt as he heard God’s words of promise?

3. Look at the following verses in the book of Genesis 12:6-7; 13:14-15; 15:7 and 18-21; 26:3-4; 28:13-14; 35:12; 48:3-4; 50:24. How do these verses in Genesis help us to see the weight of God’s words to Joshua to lead the people into the promised land?

4. Read Joshua 1:5-9. What is the foundational reason for God’s call of being strong and courageous? What happens when we look elsewhere for strength and courage?

5. In light of this, what is the basis for our obedience to God’s word? (See John 14:15-24)

6. Read Joshua 1:10-18. Why did Joshua need to address the Reubenites, Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh separately? What possible temptation did they face? What are similar temptations that we face in our own day?

7. In 2 Peter 3:8-13, we are reminded that God is not slow to keep his promises. The gospel is the high point in God’s fulfillment of his promises. How does knowing that God always keeps his promises help encourage you when you are facing difficulties in your own life?

***The God Who is Near (*Joshua 1)**

**Pastor Steve Krug**

**September 6, 2020**

**As Christians, we know that God is a faithful covenant keeping God, therefore we should…**

1. Steadfastly trust in God’s promises (v.1-4)

2. Be strengthened by God’s presence (v.5-6)

3. Take care to know & obey God’s Word (v.7-9)

4. Unite with other believers in God’s purpose (v.10-18)

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