

First Christian Church

Tyrone

Hummin' With Howard



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Blessed Assurance 2

Over the past few months I've shared with you some stories of how many of our hymns came to be written. From this point on I would like to take a little different look at our hymns. Oftentimes hymns were used to teach basic principles of Christianity, of God and of his son Jesus Christ. I would like to begin by using my favorite hymn, and possibly, the favorite hymn of many others – Blessed Assurance.

"Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine." Assurance means you and I have a certainty about something, and that certainty is "Jesus is mine." Now Jesus doesn't belong to me, but He has made a covenant, an agreement, with me. The covenant/agreement is: (1) I believe the gospel message about Jesus, (2) I confess my sins, (3) I surrender to Him in baptism, and (4) live my life for Him. His part of the covenant/agreement is that He will be my Savior. It's kind of like the relationship I have with my wife Faye. I don't own her, but we have made promises and vows to each other, a covenant agreement, to be together until death do us part. This relationship with Jesus is "a foretaste of glory divine." It's glory for me because I receive forgiveness of sin and eternity with Him and He receives glory from the Father for accomplishing His purpose.

The second verse is a "delight" for the believer. As believers, we have completely submitted ourselves to our Savior so everything is being made perfect. Visions and dreams of the second coming of Christ flood our minds while we receive help (mercy and love) from above as we walk with Jesus each day.

Verse three is similar to verse two. Because the believer has submitted to the Christ there is nothing but rest, peace and blessings as we watch and wait for His return.

The chorus is a resounding testimony and song of praise that the believer sings every day of this new life he/she now enjoys.

I will surely be hummin' this one "all the day long" as I know you will too.



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