SCRIPTURAL FOUNDATION

ACTS 4:11-12



He is the stone which was rejected by you, the builders, but which became the chief corner stone. And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.

ROMANS 8:38-39

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord

1 CORINTHIANS 15:55-57

O death, where is you victory? O death, where is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION

DESCRIPTION

Jesus is the center and hope for all Christ followers.

VERSES

The Protestant tradition of Christianity originates in the Reformation and the ideas that began then still heavily influence the Protestant understanding of Christianity five hundred years later. Perhaps the most severe influence is in what is referred to as "the 5 Solas" (sola is Latin for alone), which correspond to doctrinal commitments to: Scripture alone (sola scriptura), faith alone (sola fide), grace alone (sola gratia), God's glory alone (soli Deo Gloria), and Christ alone (solus Christus). This song is an expression of one's commitment to the final sola. As such it seeks to demonstrate the supremacy of Christ by reflecting upon His person, work, and power.

The first verse seeks to ground the worshipers understanding of Christ as the only hope of salvation (Acts 4:11-12) a statement Jesus Himself makes clear when He says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me" (Jn. 14:6). The second verse focuses on the reality of the victory over sin/death that Jesus has claimed, and how we will experience this victory through faith in Him (1 Cor. 15:55-57). Nevertheless, faith in Christ does not remove us from the present pains associated with this world still filled with sin, and this could perhaps be cause for worry. But as Paul assures us, "For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus" (Phil. 1:6). If that is true (which it is) then there will be no force existence has to offer that can keep us from Him (Rom. 8:38-39). Thus, this song is a reminder of all that we have: hope, life, sanctification, resurrection, assurance which is amongst the many of blessings we have as Christians and are found in and because of Christ alone.