

SCRIPTURAL FOUNDATION

ISAIAH 1:18

“Come now, and let us reason together,” says the Lord, “though your sins are as scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they will be like wool.”

MARK 10:45

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

GALATIANS 3:13-14

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us – for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree” – in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION

DESCRIPTION

Christ’s resurrection is the assurance that His all-sufficient sacrifice on the cross gave us His righteousness and acceptance before the Father.

VERSES

The verses of this song seek to affirm the all-sufficiency of Jesus. First it established His strength in contrast to our weakness using imagery from the Garden of Gethsemane and Jesus’ words to the disciples “Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak” (Matt. 26:41, cf. 26:36-46). The second verse contrasts our weakness with His strength, a point made by Paul (2 Cor. 12:9). Finally, the third verse seems to be an allusion to songs sung in the heavenly places, “Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for you were slain, and purchases for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation” (Rev. 5:9). When viewed as a whole we see, and in turn worship Him for, His power and sufficiency in the midst our weakness and inability.

CHORUS

Whereas the verses affirm the all-sufficiency, the chorus addresses how that sufficiency manifested. Paul’s described this by writing, “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us...” (Gal. 3:13). As a result of this, our sin were imputed to Him and He in turn imputed His righteousness to us, washing our sin stained scarlet/crimson robes white as snow by His blood (Is. 1:18; Rev. 7:14).

BRIDGE

The bridge is fantastically simple, calling the worshiper to respond in praise in light of the truths expressed in the verses and chorus. Because of Christ’s work, we are no longer dead but have been brought to life in Him (Eph. 2:1-10). May that be something we all praise now and for eternity to come.