

SCRIPTURAL FOUNDATION**1 PETER 1:18-19**

Knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

HEBREWS 2:17

Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

HEBREWS 4:15-16

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weakness, but One who has been tempted in all the things as we are, yet without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION**DESCRIPTION**

An explicit proclamation of the gospel

VERSES

This song, along with the Biblical narrative, pivots around the concept of Christ Jesus' atoning work. It is in this atonement that the sinless Savior appeases the wrath of God by "[becoming] sin on our behalf" (2 Cor. 5:21) in which we are forgiven of "all our transgressions, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross" (Col 2:13-14). The verses of this song address three realities of this atoning work specifically pertaining to what we have as a result of it.

First, we have a *great high priest* (a mediator) who pleads on our behalf to God and because of whom we can approach His throne with confidence (Rom. 8:34; Heb. 4:15-16). Secondly, we have *comfort* in: 1) knowing that Jesus too was tempted and can thus sympathize with us, and 2) the freedom from sin because of His atoning work. Finally, we have a *future* hope of life because, as Paul writes, "you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory" (Col. 3:3-4). In the end, we are to recognize that we are incredible benefactors of the mercies and grace that have been demonstrated by Jesus, which should, in turn, move us to praise worship Him because He truly is a great high priest.