

10,000 YEARS AND THEN FOREVER MORE

As a young Christian I was so excited to sing the old hymns, among them Amazing Grace! That's sure a song that I loved to belt out.

At churches I have attended, we mainly sang the first three verses and then the final verse.

One day my gusto fell off somewhat in that final verse.

The realisation came to me that during those ten thousand years of rejoicing in God's presence, equally those outside Christ would have experienced an equal duration away from God's presence and for them it would also be as though it had only just begun!

PRAISE

the Lord for:

- ★ The wonderful response we had to our Christmas edition of Challenge
- ★ All those who continue to support the Challenge ministry both financially and prayerfully for both local and overseas projects
- ★ His divine protection over our building during our Christmas break
- ★ A restful time had by staff over the Christmas/New Year period

My thoughts turn also to Matt Redman's song *10,000 Reasons*, and its verse:

*And on that day
When my strength is failing
The end draws near
And my time has come
Still my soul will
Sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore.*

FOREVERMORE

..... that immeasurable concept that we know as "eternity" comes into view for me, and I wonder who of my family, friends and associates will share it with me.

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*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!*

*I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.*

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

*And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear*

*The hour I first believed.
Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;*

'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,

*And grace will lead me home.
The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;*

*He will my Shield and Portion be,
As long as life endures.*

*Ye, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.*

*The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine;
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.*

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Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.*

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PRAYER needed for:

- ★ Our writers who contribute each month that they will know the Lord's clear direction with their articles
- ★ For continued increase in our distribution particularly in Australia. We continue to see the paper grow overseas but have seen little growth locally
- ★ For the ongoing finances to run both the Australian office and also for the global printing and distribution of the paper.
- ★ Upcoming trip to the USA for Carl Carmody and John Palandri. They will be visiting several churches and Carl will be speaking at a number of mission conferences

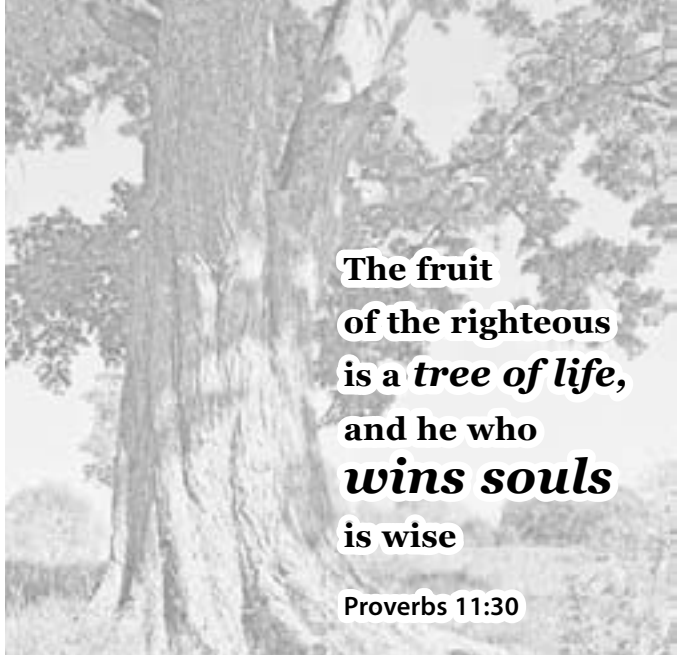
Now I don't want to turn great songs of rejoicing for you and me into a guilt trip.

Rather, may the EXCITEMENT of sin forgiven and a FOREVERMORE with the Lord stimulate me to make my days count for the sharing of the gospel.

And

..... "Let all that you do be done in love". 1 Corinthians 16:14

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