

Without Christ we can do nothing (Quality: Good)

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- [0 : 0 0] Let us commence our worship today with hymn number 700, Cetuny's Adoration 5 to 8. Great God, to thee we come and solemnly confess our hearts are proud of our own, prompt ours of righteousness.
- We view the year already past and see great cause to be abashed. Thy sovereign love and care thus far have brought us on.
- Mid sins and woes and fear, thy goodness is made known. That grace must needs be rich and free, which saves such worthless worms as we.
700. 700. group of consumers singboard. And with the truth that we can not speak louder, As the fields of world θα■ ■■■■■■, For the p ■■■■ and that poverty Stacy The Lord has the righteousness.
- Review the year of readiness. Prince to Parliament.
- [1 : 5 0] Thank you.
- Thank you.
- Thank you. Thank you.
- Thank you. Thank you.
- Thank you. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. I read this morning from the Gospel according to John chapter 14.
- [5 : 0 3] So, Lord, it's Ângen thatbits, S Qo SH ■■■■ eran.
- And to God is singer mmm■ folk must be up, and here it is capital, and it is yet beautiful. And to God is saying you would ■■ are now Lord of sweet silver-shake beautiful eyes. In prayer. O Lord, for thy presence to go before us and to give us grace and wisdom, Lord, to walk worthy of thee as believers.
- And Lord, increase our faith and our hope and our love. O Lord, as we've been singing, worship this world as we are, and dear Gadsby knew something of that.
- And O Lord, we bless thee for the memory of these saints, Lord, that are now with thee in heaven. And we trust, Lord, we're pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus.
- [1 1 : 2 3] Not worthy of thy notice, Lord, but to whom else can we go? For thou hast the word of eternal life to give. And we do pray, Lord, for thy blessing upon us as churches.
- And Lord, those that are believers amongst us, and pray, Lord, that they will truly be mindful of us here. And may, Lord, we see a measure of prosperity in our churches as we drift along.
- And find, Lord, in our hearts the fear that I'm the one thing, and we see a measure of the people, and we see a measure of the people, and we see a measure of the people. To establish us and settle us in the truth, and make us willing in the day of thy power, Lord, to humbly follow thee.

Lord, we would then be taught to sow in tears that we might yet reap in joy. Lord, we do pray to remember likewise the sister church at Ride and those that attend there.

Oh, Lord, we are all in the denomination, ministered brought very low in this land. If you would end the song, please. Lord, is anything too hard for thee to come and grant us the Holy Spirit?

[12 : 40] Visit the highways and the byways and empower them to come in, to bring back, Lord, the rebels and make them to humble themselves before the almighty God that they might be taught in due time.

They'll see us the present evil world that we live in. This guilty land and nation that willfully desiccates thy holy day and all evils abandon every hand.

Lord, we do ask thy presence and thy health to go before us. Do, Lord, send out thy light and thy truth. Grant, Lord, that men might be pricked in the conscience and begin to be one.

And so, Lord, we do commit ourselves to thy care and keeping. Raise up, Lord, those that shall preach the everlasting gospel, even here, Lord, and in England.

And we do pray for those in England, Lord, and one in particular, a stapless, Lord, as he enters into this period, the Lord of preaching amongst them there.

[13 : 54] Lord, do pray that prayer might be heard. And, Lord, that there might be that liberty in prayer to pray for thy servant, Lord, who commences this period, Lord, of trial amongst them.

Oh, we do pray, Lord, help him to continue, having been raised up to preach the everlasting gospel. And all thy sent servants over there, Lord, and all the churches that have diminished and brought low might yet have a revival in these up days.

When government's law forsake thee, when government's law will not have even the Bible to be taught in the schools, such as the sad state, Lord, of the world today.

But thou dost reign. And we do pray, Lord, that we yet turn us again here, in England, in America, and wherever the gospel is proclaimed.

Oh, a real gospel, not a free will, one, Lord. But all that the Father has given them shall come and rejoice, Lord, in the day that thou hast made.

[15 : 08] For is anything too hard to believe? Help us to bear one another's burdens. Help us to wait upon the Lord to renew our strength. Strengthen our weak hands of faith.

Confirm our people's needs. And so to us, that fear will not, my God will come. My God will come and reward me. My God will come and teach thee to number your days, to apply your hearts unto wisdom.

Oh, my Lord, give us grace to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and prove all these other things shall be added unto you. We thank thee for the safe comes up, Lord, of their three dear friends, Lord, brought back to Madelaine.

And we do pray for them that thy presence and health might be known, Lord, with them. To be a divine guidance and wisdom be given to them, Lord, in those things that pertain to their lives and all the lives of each one of us.

Oh, Lord, we do pray for Zion who has diminished and brought low and do grant, O Lord, that thou art truly favour us even this day to feel the outpouring of the spirit upon a poor sinner and upon sinners in the pew that it might be a good day.

[16 : 32] We feel rather, that we will feel rather the adornment of the house of our God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. Remember, afflicted friends, aged and firm friends over here and in England too, we pray thee.

And, O Lord, we do pray have mercy upon the new editor that he might really be taught that humble way to bring all these things to the people that shall profit their never-dying souls.

For is anything too hard for thee? And, O Lord, we wait upon thee and ask you my blessing, seeking the pardon of all their sins and all we ask in this as we ask you, O Lord, for Christ's sake alone.

Amen. Amen. Let us further sing hymn 939, the tune is Winchester Old, 270.

Jesus, immutably the same, thou true living vine, around thy all-supporting stem, my feeble arms I twine.

[17 : 49] I can do nothing without thee, my strength is holy, lull thine, withered and barren should I be, which severed from thine.

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Amen. Amen.

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[20 : 46] Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. If the Lord may be pleased to help me, I will direct you carefully to John's Gospel, chapter 15, and reading verse 5, I am the vine, ye are the branches, he that abideth in me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit, for without me ye can do nothing.

How clear and plain is this word, without me ye can do nothing. So many religious so-called people in the day think that they have the knowledge, the ability to even abide in Christ.

Lord, how have they proved, only as the Lord quickens your soul and exercises us to be in one of these branches that is a fruit-bearing branch.

There seems to be very much in our day a famine of the hearing of the word. And you probably may be the first to acknowledge it, and the very exercise in your souls is to know if the Lord is mindful of you, he has to quicken you.

[22 : 38] That blessed work of the Spirit, great mystery is the work of the Spirit. He says the Spirit of Truth comes down to reveal the things of God.

In the day and age that we live in, there is such a falling away. But our mercy is that the Lord alone can create in you a clean heart, renew a right spirit within you.

Being born of God, with the wealth of grace, is a miraculous thing, a call. The evidence is that you have and are able to testify of what the Lord has done.

He says, now are ye clean through the word which I have spoken of you. Every branch, he says, that beareth fruit, he purges it that it may bring forth more fruit.

The Lord will purge you and me. One said, purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean. And so this work of grace in your soul will have an effect upon your soul.

[24 : 03] And though we know what it is to have an old man of sin, vile and full of sin we are, but deep down in your soul with the work of the quickening grace, there is a change rule.

And the good that we would do, that we do not, and the evil that we would not is ever present with us. We become two characters, don't we? An old man of sin that we will live with us till we die, but a new man of grace.

We want Christ. We want Christ. We pray unto him. We commit ourselves into his care and keeping. And say unto him, Lord, if it could please thee, say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.

This is the only true vine that we can, you and I can cling to. And as he said, my fathers and husbands, and if we bear not through, you take it away, this branch.

And so we need him to take us as a wild olive branch, as a man of the world, as a son and daughter of the world, and be brought to begin to be one.

[25 : 29] And some of you, where the work has been begun, will reflect upon this. You meditate upon these things in your mind. And you realize the solemnity of it.

If he has not engrafted you and me into the truth of the living vine, there won't be any life in their soul. And yes, we do more much over the darkness and the bondage that seems to hover around us.

Where is the blessedness I see? I saw when first I knew the Lord, says dear Anne Steele. She was a gracious character, yet she knew both sides of it.

She knew the doubts and the fears that will arise in a believer's heart. And you feel a wretched man as I am. Who shall believe these things?

For their mercy is that if you are a chosen vessel, the time will come when he creates in you a mere clean heart, renews the right spirit within you.

[26 : 42] He teaches you, and you won't be content with your prayers, but your call upon his name. We may look back when in providence we were forced to call upon his name.

We were in dire straits, in difficulties, in our darks and paths. Afflictions, afflictions, and trials, and things all seem to be against us.

And tempted sometimes to give up and call no more upon his name. But we can't get away from that. He is the true vine, Jesus.

And when he is implanted in your soul these touches and tokens of his word, you abide with them. Because of those sweet moments when Jesus comes right where you are, meets your case, branch your deliverance, set before you an open door that no man can shut.

And you bless the Lord for that change in your soul, and this attraction to the work of God, and an attraction to try to pray. Casting all your care upon him, for he cares for you.

[28 : 07] If you are one of these branches then, the wild olive branch once were, that there was an appointed time, when he brought you into his bank and he has his banner over you with love.

And the other branches, he that abided in me. Lord, thou must take hold of me, thou must draw me, thou must enforce me to come to the sinner's friend.

Oh, everything returns to thine honour and glory. Because, as we've here proved it, without me ye can do nothing. We're so barren, we're so cold, we're so hard, we're so dead, in our trespasses and sins.

But see, when the Lord breaks through, and he says, I've chosen thee. Yes, in the ferns of affliction, we think all your religion burned up in afflictive dispensations that have come upon you.

But not so. Because in the midst of these afflictive dispensations, Lord, cause me to yet bear fruit.

[29 : 20] Fruits meet for repentance, Godly sorrow for my sin, hunger and thirst after his righteousness, waiting upon the Lord for that new stream.

For I am the vine. And he's that great I am, the only begotten Son of God, full of grace and full of truth. And so you can't bear fruit of, you cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abides.

And so you're clinging to the word of God, you're served to scriptures. For in the end, he think he have in power. And these are the things that testify of me.

What a mercy. You and I search these scriptures. And though we don't spend half the time we should be spending reading the word of God, that we can be very mechanical in that.

Until the set time comes when the Lord himself reveals himself, shows you the true token of his love. And solemn thing, if we abide not in him, he has cast forth as a branch.

[30 : 36] And you say, Lord, unite me to walk in thy fear. Do not leave me or forsake me in this dark world of sin and woe, where I'm surrounded by antichrists, right, left and centre.

I need to know thee, Lord. And you know, you will be pleading with the Lord. Do not leave me. Do not forsake me. Create in me this clean heart.

Renew this light spirit within me that clings to Christ. The only refuge and strength in your time of trouble. The darkness and the bondage that the Lord could shine into your heart, delight in your darkness, and so unto your soul.

Abide in me. Unite me, Lord, in thy fear. Teach me to number my days, to apply my heart unto this seeking heavenly wisdom, to observe.

Or, we do need greater observation, don't we, these things. Well, he says, who so is wise, even they will observe these things, they will understand the loving kindness of the Lord.

[31 : 55] This is the loving kindness of the Lord. He cleanseth you from your secret sins in the light of his cabinet. He cleanseth you. We're all sinners, as I said just now, who live and die in their sins.

But if Christ has formed himself in your heart, the hope of glory, you know, his love, dear friends, will overcome your sins and mine.

Because by the grace of God, he has bought you with a price, he has eternally loved you, he has chosen you. Oh, what a mercy. Because it's his work.

And in its glory, he must be given all the glory and praise for what he has done for himself. Touched us. Comforted us. And blessed us.

When most we seem to be and say, how barren is my soul today, he comes right where you are. And sometimes he seems to come and then go, he light the door upon its hinges.

[33 : 02] When wilt thou come, Lord, and confer my soul? I may sing on to eternity. Well, as the case stands with my soul, am I born of God? It's a great matter the further we go on in life's journey.

In our younger days, we have to acknowledge, dear friends, that there wasn't that, there wasn't that about me. When we journey on and know how to manage decaying, we need this inner man, if he's ever been alive, we need it to be renewed day by day.

And so I am divine. And so I am divine. No other source and giver of salvation. No other saviour to save you from death, destruction, and despair, but in the merits of Jesus.

So, Lord, do take hold of me. Make me willing in the day of thy power. When I am not ashamed to being able to tell around what a saviour I have found.

I have found him. With honesty and sincerity in yourself, I have found him. Hound him. Whom my soul loveth, and desire to love more and more day by day.

[34 : 17] Love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications. You see, your voice will be used, your supplications will be used.

Because he takes, dear friends, your feeble petition, purifies them, and presents them before the Father in heaven. Oh, this will keep your soul alive.

There will be seasons, yes, of course. Days of darkness. Days of poverty. Days of sorrow. Days of grief.

But there will also, dear friends, there will be those moments when the blessing of the Lord make it rich. And that is no sorrow to you, because it brings forth fruit. You will be brought there to praise him for his great goodness, for his many mercies that are near every morning.

And you look upon him. He gives you a glimpse of himself, suffering on that accursed tree. And you realize that you need to be crucified, because the world lies in wickedness.

[35 : 28] But you will not crucify your nature. But blessed be the Lord, that where sin hath abandoned another man, he will much more abandon. There is a drawing influence of Christ.

He draws you by the cords of man, by the bands of his love. And sometimes, he takes the lust of the flesh and the pride of life away from you.

And you see those sweet moments when you are brought before the cross of Christ. And you look upon him. He gives you a glimpse of himself. He shows you a token of his love.

His fruit. His pleasure. His joy. There is a joy in heaven over one sin that repented rather than night in night. that have no need of repentance.

Because I am divine. And the desire is that it would spring up in your soul. It might truly flourish and be approved in the course of a token of his love.

[36 : 33] A word of his divine instruction and teaching in the way that he'd have you and me to go. Instead of running, dear friends, without it being sent, running without it being drawn by the courts of man.

You may shepherding your faith that way. There is no imagination that is casting down imaginations and bringing every thought. Yes, and there will be those times when he girds up a lawn in your mind, your soul, and opens the end.

For the grace of this is to be bestowed upon you. That where sin hath abounded and does abound, grace might much more abound. And you bless the Lord.

For these tokens will be loved. And so that faith to believe in God, and to believe in Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, full of grace and full of truth, because he are the branches.

And it's a privilege to know that you are a branch, isn't it? He's taken you, as I said earlier, as a wild olive branch, full of the world and all that it interests the common vine.

[37 : 49] But that appointed time came. And it was an appointed time when you should look to the vine. That you might not be burnt up, dear Prince.

And so, what does he say about this? That by not in me, he is cast forth as a branch and is withered. And men gather them and cast them into the fire for their burdens.

That's the apostate, dear friends, of the unregenerate. Drop into hell. And God has a sovereign right to do according to his will amongst the armies of heaven.

And in the inhabitants of the earth, that none can say his hand or say what do. It's appointed before the words of faith. That there should be a people that should live to show forth his praise for the fact that he has revealed himself to them.

That he has gathered them before they wither and die. And brought them to his feet. And they look upon him whom they are fierce.

[38 : 59] And mourn over their sins and after him. And so they bring much forth. They bring forth much fruit. We know it's the river of their little line upon life.

Precept upon precept. That he knows. And has he touched your hearts? And persuading he's touched some of your hearts, if not all of you.

You've heard of the name of Jesus and you want to know more about him and more of him. And feel union and communion with him from off the mercy seat. It's a time, dear friends.

It's a time of trial. A time of grief. Waiting upon the Lord to renew your strength. And you might truly feel the Lord gives you grace. Grace to endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ.

Fighting the good fight of faith that ultimately you may lay hold on his own life. But we hope some of them if we abide not in him. Yet you see, you know your own temptations.

[40 : 06] You know the devil who's so active and ready to undermine your little faith in mine. But he that's begun that good work in your soul will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

And he says, look unto me. Look unto me all the ends of the earth. And beside me there is no Saviour. Oh what a Saviour we have in the Lord Jesus Christ.

And so he says, here is my Father glorified that ye bear much fruit. So shall ye be my disciples. What is a disciple? What is a disciple?

He's a follower of Christ. He's the object of your soul's desire. See grace toward worthy. You've caught his call. You become a disciple. You feel unworthy of the title of the follower of Christ. But to whom else can we go?

Because he alone has the words of eternal life a gift to your soul and mine.

[41 : 16] He's a refuge. The Lord is a strong tower with me. Righteous one. And so you don't feel yourself righteous.

But you know you need the impurity of righteousness to bear fruit. Those here little and there little. Those lines. For for and upon pleasant places.

When the Lord grants you to feel a little comfort and hope that he has begun this work. That you might truly bear your fruit. Verse of the blade.

Then the ear. And then the full cord in the ear. That is being fruitful. And multiplying. From time to time the blessing of the Lord.

That makes you and me rich. And that is no sorrow for him. Oh blessed mercy. If we hear his voice. Abide in me. Lord be with me passing through this wilderness world.

[42 : 22] I know Lord that I sinned David. Sins are poor and dear. But they're not beyond the limits of his love. Love. Love is the golden chain that binds those happy souls above.

And he or she or theirs or theiresses. Whose bosom blow with love. Oh haven't you ever felt your bosom blow with love. I love the Lord. And then the devil comes in like a flood.

And he sure certainly will. Following a blessing. But he cannot steal it. He cannot take it away. He knows nothing of the love of Christ.

But he hates those that do believe in Christ. The Lord what a mercy. The Lord what a mercy. Abide in me he says.

The instruction teaches you in the way that he would have you in Midica. And you see his presence and blessings. Show me Lord it's open.

[43 : 24] I need to have something to keep alive myself. When I seem to be in famine of hearing something that profits myself.

Oh what a mercy then. The time of love will come. Does come. Has come. Will come again. If he's begun a good work in yourself.

He will perform it. There must be performance of those that abide in Christ. Because he forms himself in your heart.

The hope of glory. Because as I said. He only. Can do it. Because. Without him we can't. Dear friends.

Growing grace. But he said. Growing grace in the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. And so he does to poor disciples. They wouldn't think much of themselves.

[44 : 27] They feel to be very far off at times. And very cast down. And he says. Why are they cast down? Oh my soul. Hope to God.

For I shall yet praise him. Who is the help of my cabinet. And my God. These are truths that you will cling to. Of what he has said.

Because you know. Your whole dependence is upon the Lord. That calls you and me to grow. David said.

It seemeth not to grow with his grace. But he knew. That he had received tokens of the love of the Lord. He knew he had been delivered from Saul.

He knew he had been delivered from his enemies. That Saul could destroy him. And the same with Jesus. Because he was holy. Harmless, undefiled, separate group sinners. David was a sinner. We know.

[45 : 23] That he was brought to repent. And believe. And this is our mercy. That he knows the way you and I take. And when he has tried you. You will come forth as gold. Because he has appointed it. And he has to perform it. And made you and me.

Wise unto salvation through faith in me.

And he says, Look unto me. Oh, may we have clearer views of the Lord Jesus. as we sow in tears yet reap in joy Lord give me patience he says you need a patience after you've done the will of God you might receive a promise and we need a promise to live on a promise to die on the promise is that you own a many Christ all that he might bless you with the Holy Spirit he says I will not leave you come but less I will come to you and so he says tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be in due good power from and on and so it is a mercy to know that the Lord has loved us having loved his own and in the world he loves them to the end surely he made tokens of his love surely you'll strive and render the straight day time of love but they will surely see not only that he shed his blood but he shall say for me ought to be able to have that definite promise from the Lord yea I have loved him with an everlasting love therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee by the cords of man by the banter of his blood you are an escape dear friends you may seem to be in a bit of a state now as a wild olive branch you're still not bearing fruit that you would long to that's because he has not yet bound you up in the bundle of life or revealed it to you but you will do receive a blessing and you will abide in him because you know this united to Christ the true and the living line you'll be fruitful and multiply in his own time and way and so we look to Jesus we look to the Lord Jesus only

Lord I can do nothing without thee to do condescending to come and confirm my soul with a true promise sowing in tears that you might reap in joy healing weep it for a night we'll we'll arise dear friends and and though we mourn over our sins in our it'll be light in the morning when the son of righteousness arises with healing in his wings and restores unto you this joy of salvation look to Jesus find and strong mercy join with power and so he says if he abide in me my words abide in you this is bearing fruit isn't it when the Lord speaks to your soul when he touches your heart when he shows you now his way

I am the way and the truth and the life all that the Father given me shall come unto me him that cometh unto me only no wise can't say this is Jehovah's choice that he should draw you irresistible grace draws a poor sinner we know we're very feeble as disciples in the natural man the calm mind which is enmity but as I said earlier we're we're sinner man to raise you much more about the unmerited mercy and favour love of God he cannot but come in due time according to his appointment the point in time it comes when Jesus says come follow me oh we feel to be poor followers of Christ but what he has begun what he has begun he has begun he has carried on he has begun and as you seem to wonder sometimes where is the blessing this I knew when first

[50 : 28] I knew the Lord as we said earlier the Lord will not remove what he has given you he says the spirit is our remembrance to bring to our memory what he has spoken to you in the heart you see seeing the voice of this good shepherd my sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me and I give unto them eternal life this is something you want to hold fast to lay hold on these precious promises in his word that you might prove that you abide in him and I in him united to Christ the true and the living God this is not that false religion dear friends of the free willers this is that religion of God's elect it chose you bought you shed his precious blood on Calvary's tree to redeem you from the curse of the broken ball and he says fear not for I redeem thou for me by thy hand thou art mine and thou past you through the waters

I will be with thee and through the flood they shall not overwhelm you and the fire shall not hurt thee he brings you dear friends ultimately to heaven if you're his because what he has begun in you he'll give you grace to continue and we have to say having a plain help of God we continue at this present moment of time witnessing that's it sinner you witness to these things he has told you these things you have stuck fast dear friends but what he has spoken to you and exercised you you mourn over your your backsliders and your sad ways but nevertheless this that the Lord has bestowed upon you will be fulfilled he fulfills that desire of poor sinners because you've been attracted to

Christ and ultimately you will be brought to glory at last and the Father will be glorified in it that you bear much fruit so shall you be my disciples though we do need to continue in that love though at times we despair of having reality of these things but as I said just now the Spirit is your remembrance that brings again to your soul those tokens and evidences of his love to our soul I pour not thyself and I bless this sink me lower look to Jesus kind and strong mercy join the power because Jesus who is the great I am even before Abraham he says I am I am the vine the other branches either the bride in me and I in him the same thing for most fruit but without me you can do nothing let's leave it down now for the ordinance may the

Lord bless you don't work may pardon this for his name to say amen let us conclude with him 670 to choose Madison from the manuscript united to Jesus divine with life strength and righteousness too for this he will teach us in time without him we nothing can do our hope of performing what's right and strictly obeying our God if not wholly built on his mind will leave us exposed to his rod unless he uphold by his grace we sink under Satan and sin and plunge into shame and disgrace nor can we deliver and so pain we neither can hope nor believe nor pray in a time of distress but as we from Jesus receive the fruit of his own righteousness 617 amen we Give to Jesus, to Jesus ■ die die life and my strength and righteousness too

Jesus the And this issue will be trusted in time.

[55 : 52] With thatpacity we have to hand through.

Where worth of their calling was right, And swiftly away ye, dear God, In long-tolding bill of his mind, Will lay us next to his cross, And lest be alone by his grace, We sing of the Savior and Savior,

And wanting to change her in his grace, And today we deliver and all day, We neither can't hurt, O believe, No way in the time of distress, The rest of the Lord Jesus Christ, The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,

The love of God be offered, The fellowship of the Holy Spirit, The rest and the Bible is each.

Amen.