

Blessed Assurance 7-8-2020

Today's midweek devotion is the story behind the popular hymn, Blessed Assurance. Franny Crosby tells of visiting a friend, Phoebe Palmer Knapp, who had just written a melody. After playing the tune a few times, Phoebe asked Franny, "What does the melody say to you?" After a moment of prayer, Franny answered, "Blessed Assurance, Jesus in Mine!" The two worked out the rest of the hymn and it was first published in 1873. It has become one of the most beloved hymns of all time. I've included 5 links showcasing the wide variety of renditions available on YouTube.

I've also added many of the scriptural references found in this hymn.

Verse 1:

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!

[1 Thessalonians 1:5](#) for our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and **with full conviction**; just as you know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

[Hebrews 10:22-23](#) let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and **with the full assurance that faith brings**, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. **Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.**

O what a foretaste of glory divine!

[Romans 8:23](#) And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the **first fruits of the Spirit**, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

Heir of salvation, purchase of God,

[Hebrews 1:14](#) Are they [angels] not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them [believers] who shall be **heirs of salvation**?

[Acts 20:28](#) "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which **He purchased with His own blood.**"

Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

[John 3:5-6](#) Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is **born of the Spirit** is spirit."

[1 John 1:7](#) but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the **blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long.

[Psalm 35:28](#) And my tongue shall declare Your righteousness And
Your praise all day long.

Verse 2:

Perfect submission, perfect delight,

[Psalm 40:8](#) "I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my
heart."

Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;

[1 Peter 1:8](#) and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and
though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, **you greatly
rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,**

Angels descending bring from above

Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Speaking of angels in [Hebrews 1:14](#) Are they not all ministering
spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will
inherit salvation?

Verse 3:

Perfect submission, all is at rest

[Hebrews 4:3,10](#) For **we who have believed enter that rest**, just as He has said, "As I swore in my wrath, they shall not enter my rest," although His works were finished from the foundation of the world. ... For the one who has entered His rest has himself also **rested from his works**, as God did from His.

I in my Savior am happy and blest,

[Ephesians 1:3](#) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has **blessed us with every spiritual blessing** in the heavenly places **in Christ**,

Watching and waiting, looking above,

[Titus 2:13](#) looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus,

Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

[Ephesians 3:19](#) and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

Forever with our God is a gift purchased with the blood of our Savior and offered to those who place their full trust in God for their lives today and for all eternity. Blessed assurance is not wishful thinking,

but is based on God's promises. I hope you enjoy the many renditions of this favorite hymn.