

Ephesians 2:4-7 “But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.”

## **The Master’s Plan**

Dread thought is this that escapes words—  
I had no hope, no help, no plea.  
Enslaved, ‘entombed,’ estranged and doomed,  
God’s righteous wrath awaited me.  
Dead to that realm beyond the grave,  
I did not know my lost estate,  
Nor did I crave the things of God,  
Nor could I understand my fate.

But grace abounded more than sin,  
And love applied the Master’s plan.  
His Spirit brought to me new life  
Predestined e’er the world began.  
Christ’s finished work, naught left undone,  
Secured God’s pardon for His own.  
No more a debtor to the Law,  
God has declared my sin atoned!

Though spared from wrath, with soul set free,  
Corrupt desires still war within.  
The new man must e’er fight his flesh—  
That humanness so drawn to sin.  
Renew my mind, transform my heart,  
And make me pleasing in Thy sight.  
Ne’er let the flame of gratitude  
Forget the wrath that was my plight.

Glad slave of Sovereign love, I give  
Myself a living sacrifice—  
Not for my pardon, but His praise  
Who purchased me at awful price.  
I can but lift both heart and voice  
In praise to God Who doth sustain.  
Though foes assail and pain prevail,  
Secure in Christ I will remain.