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# Blessed Assurance



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- Fanny Crosby, a prolific hymn writer, penned the lyrics in 1873
- Though blind, Crosby's spiritual insight led her to compose over 8,000 hymns
- "Blessed Assurance" is one of her most cherished hymns, known for its theme of unwavering faith & spiritual security
- Despite her physical blindness, Crosby lived with a remarkable spiritual clarity

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- Her steadfast faith & close relationship with Jesus inspired this hymn, which emphasizes the believer's confidence & assurance in salvation
- Phoebe Knapp, an accomplished musician & friend of Crosby, composed the tune

## Blessed Assurance

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine  
O what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God  
I'm born of His Spirit, washed in His blood*

Jesus is Mine

## Jesus is Mine

- The Spirit testifies to our spirit that we are children of God

*16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, (Romans 8:16 ESV)*

- Jesus calls us to abide in Him, affirming the intimacy of our relationship

*5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5 ESV)*

## Jesus is Mine

- We can rejoice with assurance, as we await the completion of our salvation

*8 Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, 9 obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (1 Peter 1:8-9 ESV)*



## Jesus is Mine

- We have an eternal inheritance through Christ

*11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,  
(Ephesians 1:11 ESV)*

## Jesus is Mine

- Jesus redeems us to be His children, secure in His grace

*14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.*

*(Titus 2:14 ESV)*

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*Perfect submission, perfect delight  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love*



PERFECT

## Perfect

- Believers are to offer themselves wholly to God

*1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:1-2 ESV)*

## Perfect

- Jesus' joy fills our lives as we abide in Him

*11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. (John 15:11 ESV)*

- God has prepared unseen blessings for His children

*9 But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him" (1 Corinthians 2:9 ESV)*

## Perfect

- The fullness of joy is found in God's presence

*11 You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. (Psalm 16:11 ESV)*

- The Spirit is our guarantee of eternal life

*5 He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.  
(2 Corinthians 5:5 ESV)*

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*Perfect submission, all is at rest  
I in my Savior, I'm happy and blest  
Watching and waiting, looking above  
I'm filled with God's goodness, I'm lost in his love*



Rest  
IN  
Jesus

The image features the phrase "Rest IN Jesus" in a highly decorative, black calligraphic font. The word "Rest" is at the top, followed by "IN" which is contained within a heart shape. Below that is "Jesus" in a larger, flowing script. The design is embellished with various motifs: a crown with a cross on top sits above "Rest"; a rose and a leafy branch are positioned between "Rest" and "IN"; a small cross is located at the bottom left of the "Jesus" script. The entire composition is set against a light gray background with a faint grid of plus signs.

## Rest in Jesus

- We find rest in Jesus

*28 “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30 ESV)*

## Rest in Jesus

- In Jesus we find peace

*7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:7 ESV)*

- True happiness is for those whose hope is in the Lord

*5 Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, (Psalm 146:5 ESV)*

## Rest in Jesus

- As His children, we experience God's provision, refreshment & guidance

*1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. 3 He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. (Psalm 23:1-3 ESV)*

## Practical Applications

- Remind yourself daily of the assurance you have in Christ; let it shape your confidence & joy
- Submit your worries & burdens to Jesus, allowing His peace to fill you
- Embrace each day as an opportunity to experience the “foretaste of glory” promised in salvation
- Reflect on the joy of your salvation & share it with others

## Practical Applications

- When challenges arise, turn to Christ's promises for comfort and guidance
- Remind yourself of the eternal life awaiting in Christ, allowing that hope to bring peace


## Discussion Questions

- What does “blessed assurance” mean to you personally?
- How can we cultivate a daily sense of “perfect submission” in our lives?
- How has your relationship with Christ provided peace & rest during difficult times?
- How does our assurance of salvation influence the way we interact with others?

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