

## **Yours, I am Yours**

Dear Father,

There is nothing I can mention to commend myself to You. How assuring! My certainty, my boldness in speaking to You as I do, lies in Christ. He is the reason I am Yours, the cause of my sonship.

I am Yours, not because I feel it, for my feelings sometimes lie to me. I am Yours, not because I know it, for my mind is confused and ignorant every now then. Foolish would it be to say: "I am Yours because I want it", for my will shows me the opposite when I sin. There have been many occasions that I turned my back on You while saying: "I'll be back for forgiveness, but first I want to do my will."

My imagination is not a basis for my statement that I am Yours either. There's enough self-righteousness in it that I cannot imagine a God choosing an insignificant creature like myself to receive mercy through the precious blood of His Son.

So it's simple. Jesus Christ Your Son is my certainty and I fully rely on Him.

My sins - how heinous they are - were put on Him. His propitiation is the only atonement You accept.

Therefore I come to You Jesus and confess my sins. Thank You for cleansing me. Thank You Holy Spirit, for revealing the treachery of my flesh and for getting me back to Jesus: my only certainty.

Father, I can call You Father because You call me Your child in Christ and You've given me Your Holy Spirit. I am safe because You, Jesus, are my safety: my ark of salvation.

### **Christ**

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**He is.**

**Righteousness from God.**

**Ineffably just.**

**Sovereignly secure.**

**Trustworthy and pure.**

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Scriptural references (next page) added on September 29, 2008

### Scriptural references in OT-NT order

**Psalm 6:4 (NASB)** "Return, O LORD, rescue my soul; Save me because of Your lovingkindness."

**Psalm 25:6-7 (NKJV)** "Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, For they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O LORD."

**Psalm 25:11 (NKJV)** "For Your name's sake, O LORD, Pardon my iniquity, for it is great."

**Psalm 44:26 (NASB)** "Rise up, be our help, And redeem us for the sake of Your lovingkindness."

**Psalm 51:1 (NKJV)** "Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions."

**Psalm 51:17 (NKJV)** "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart—These, O God, You will not despise."

**Romans 5:6-10 (NASB)** "For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. "

**1 Peter 1:18-20 (NKJV)** "knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you."

**1 Peter 2:6-7 (NKJV)** "Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture,

"Behold, I lay in Zion

A chief cornerstone, elect, precious,

And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame."

Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient,

"The stone which the builders rejected

Has become the chief cornerstone.""

**1 Peter 3:18-22 (NASB)** "For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison, who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water. Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you--not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience--through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him."