

## Be Careful What You Sing

Songs that most Christians today cannot honestly sing:

1. “Whatever It Takes To Be More Like You (Jesus), I’ll Be Willing To Do.”

If one is not willing to take God at his word, and believe the literal gospel, then he cannot say “whatever it takes”. He has ruled himself out from being totally committed to the Lord. Hard words? Yes, but what else is it when a Christian “has sold the truth”, and “bought a lie.”

2. “Perfect Submission” (all is at rest). Believing a false concept of the gospel, is imperfect submission—all is not at rest. One is not fully submitted to the Lord, who is not committed to the full truth of His word! And commitment must be proven by results, not merely by a statement of dedication.

3. “Jesus Is The Joy Of Living” (“I will do what he commands me, anywhere he leads I’ll go.” But, if you did not follow his command to learn and maintain the true gospel, to sing the above-noted words is a contradiction. It doesn’t count that one assumes or “thinks” he is correct in his gospel belief. He must be sure. Remember, too, the scriptural warning about not keeping a vow.

4. “He Holds My Hand.” It is, of course, true that all believers are in his hands for eternal security. But to say, or imply, that He holds our hand on a continual basis, is only as true as our faithfulness to him. His hand holding ours is a symbol of our fellowship with him, and his approval of us. If we do not agree with a part of His word—i.e., the literal gospel interpretation—then we are not thereby walking with Him. When Adam walked with God in the cool of the evening in the garden of Eden, do you think he disagreed with God in anything (even though it was prior to Adam’s first commission of sin)

We cannot automatically presume that no matter what circumstances we are in that “He holds our hand.” The words sound assuring and comforting, but they are only as true as our doctrinal integrity is true. The point is, that we must be true to all of his word.

Jesus’ words to the Pharisees and scribes in Mark 7:7, castigating them for “teaching for doctrine, the commandments of men”, justly apply to the false gospel that is believed and propagated by the majority of today’s church. Wherein, God’s sovereign grace in his work of salvation—has been denied, and replaced by a philosophy of synergy of God’s will and man’s will., as necessary cooperating factors in man’s salvation.

5. “Only One Life, ‘twill soon be past, only what’s done for Christ will last”. How can service based on a false concept of the gospel be acceptable works? It ought to be very disturbing to think of the possibility of having served the cause of Satan in that major, constitutional area of Christian responsibility. For there can be no allowable alternative to the one literal gospel that God requires us to know and be faithful to. Anything else is false works to be burned as “wood, hay, and stubble”—however prodigious and prolific they might be. Albeit, mostly in the flesh vs.

spiritually. So, instead of being “done for Christ”, they reflect a life of misguided service—in respect (disrespect) to the gospel.

But, true to form, you probably will not believe that, and yet cannot, and will not even attempt to prove it wrong.

6. “Trust and Obey, for there’s no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey”. “When we walk with the Lord, in the light of his word.”, and the refrain: “what he says we will do.”.

How can one truly trust the Lord, if he is not obeying a specific truth that he has established for us to know? To wit, his true gospel principles.

The words of the hymn are a mockery when sung by the typical, modern-day Christian. And, even if there is legitimate obedience in other areas of one’s life, they have no offsetting effect on the utter unfaithfulness to the gospel, at issue.

7. “Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus—just to take him at his word”. This is the height of audacity. How can one sing that line if he has not literally taken him at his word in the true gospel? When, in fact, he has taken man’s word, not God’s? When one’s beliefs contradict the scriptural gospel words he may use, the words are only rhetoric. Like a politician’s false claims, and promises.