

You Are My Everything

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"...Christ is all, and in all." (Colossians 3:11)

I have many wonderful memories of my teenage years as a member of my church youth group. Some of my personal favorites were what we called *singspirations* at my youth pastor's house after the Sunday services. We would choose various meaningful songs to sing from memory about Jesus. Inevitably, many of our "favorites" would be choruses...short, memorable songs easily sung a capella or with guitar.

I desired to create a new chorus in the spirit of those youth group singspirations I so loved. The theme of this particular chorus came to me from a little plaque in a fellow Christian's home in Pennsylvania. I was preaching all week at his church, and he graciously allowed us to lodge in his house for the duration. The sign simply stated, "You are my everything."

Where does one begin to communicate how Jesus is everything to the Christian? For that matter, where does one stop? I originally wrote six short verses for my "chorus," and then realized it had become too long. To compose a chorus, I must keep it short. I trimmed it down to the final four.

The verses speak of Jesus as Creator, Redeemer, Physician, and Giver. Each one tells of how only Jesus could do what He has done in my life.

Only the Creator could grant me life.
Only the Redeemer could set me free.
Only the Physician could make me whole.
Only the Giver could satisfy.

As most choruses, this one is not deep theology. It serves as a quick and comforting reminder that Jesus is my everything. But there was one more part of a chorus I needed...a "sticky" tune. I wanted a melody that would roll around easily and often in the mind. And Mia did just that! She added the final lyric for each verse, a repeat of the line before, which beautifully burrows the truth a little deeper into our hearts.