

# The Heidelberg Confession

## Liturgist: Question #28. What is true faith?

**Congregation:** True faith is a sure knowledge whereby I accept as true all that God has revealed to us in his Word. At the same time it is a firm confidence that not only to others, but also to me, God has granted forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness, and salvation, out of mere grace, only for the sake of Christ's merits. This faith the Holy Spirit works in my heart by the gospel.

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## 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 New International Version

1 Paul, Silas<sup>[a]</sup> and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you.

### Thanksgiving for the Thessalonians' Faith

<sup>2</sup> We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. <sup>3</sup> We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> For we know, brothers and sisters<sup>[b]</sup> loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup> because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup> You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. <sup>7</sup> And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. <sup>8</sup> The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, <sup>9</sup> for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

# Come, Christians, Join to Sing 108

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord. Ps. 95:1

1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - jice;  
 He is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;  
 On heav-en's bliss - ful shore his good-ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra-cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

# Come, Thou Almighty King 5

*Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name. Ps. 29:2*

1. Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing,  
2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword,  
3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear  
4. To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be

help us to praise: Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -  
our prayer at - tend: come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy  
in this glad hour: thou who al - might - y art, now rule in  
hence, ev - er - more! Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in

to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
word suc - cess: Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.  
ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.  
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore!

## 536 Have Faith in God

*Have faith in God. Mark 11:22*

1. Have faith in God when your path - way is lone - ly; He sees and  
 2. Have faith in God when your pray'rs are un - an - swered; Your ear - nest  
 3. Have faith in God in your pain and your sor - row; His heart is  
 4. Have faith in God tho' all else fail a - bout you. Have faith in

knows all the way you have trod. Nev - er a - lone are the  
 plea He will nev - er for - get. Wait on the Lord; trust His  
 touched with your grief and de - spair. Cast all your cares and your  
 God; He pro - vides for His own. He can - not fail tho' all

least of His chil - dren; Have faith in God, have faith in God.  
 Word and be pa - tient. Have faith in God; He'll an - swer yet.  
 bur - dens up - on Him; And leave them there, O leave them there.  
 king - doms shall per - ish; He rules, He reigns up - on His throne.

*Refrain*

Have faith in God; He's on His throne. Have faith in God; He watch - es o'er His own.

He can - not fail! He must pre - vail! Have faith in God, have faith in God.