

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

- (1) For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth,
Over and around us lies:
Christ our God, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.
- (2) For the wonder of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:
Christ our God, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.
- (3) For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Christ our God, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.
- (4) For Thy Church that evermore,
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore,
Her pure sacrifice of love:
Christ our God, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

AWESOME GOD

Our God is an awesome,
He reigns from heaven above;
With wisdom, power and love,
Our God is an awesome God.

LORD, BE GLORIFIED

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

In my words, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In my words, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.

In my praise, Lord, be glorified, be glorified,
In my praise, Lord, be glorified today.

RESPONSIVE READING - "Christian Love"

1 John 4:7-12, 20-21 and 3:18-19

LEADER: Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

PEOPLE: He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

LEADER: In this was manifested the love of God toward us because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

PEOPLE: Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

LEADER: Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

PEOPLE: No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us.

LEADER: If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

PEOPLE: And this commandment have we from Him, that he who loveth God love his brother also.

LEADER: My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

PEOPLE: And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him.

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

- (1) Blest be the tie that binds,
Oour heats in Christian love!
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.
- (2) Before the Father's throne,
We pour our ardent prayers
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.
- (3) We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows,
The sympathizing tear.
- (4) When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

SERMON OUTLINE – John 15:12-17
“The Blessings of Obedience”

Intro:

I. Friends Love One Another – vs. 12, 13, 17

Jesus set the example for us to follow:

A. Scope of His Love

B. Depth of His Love

C. Patience of His Love

D. Commitment of His Love

II. Friends Obey His Commands – vs. 10, 14, 17

III. Friends Understand Nature of the Relationship – vs. 15

IV. Friends Are Chosen to Bare Fruit thru Prayer – vs. 16-17

A. Chosen

B. Chosen to Bare Fruit

C. Key = Prayer Dependence on the Father

Conclusion: 5 secrets of Christian living:

1. secret of living = fruitfulness
2. secret of fruitfulness = abiding – relationship/friendship
3. secret of abiding = obedience – doing God’s will/work
4. secret of obedience = loving – giving God our heart
5. secret of loving = knowing – who God is & His heart

