

Devotional Thoughts :: Richard Baxter's Hymn

**Richard Baxter's Hymn - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/3/15 1:28**

"Lord, It belongs not to my care

Whether I die or live;

To love and serve Thee is my share,

And this Thy grace must give.

2 If life be long, I will be glad

That I may long obey;

If short, yet why should I be sad

To soar to endless day?

3 Christ leads me through no darker rooms

Than He went through before;

He that into God's kingdom comes

Must enter by this door.

4 Come, Lord, when grace hath made me meet

Thy blessed Face to see;

For, if Thy work on earth be sweet,

What will Thy glory be?

5 My knowledge of that Life is small;

The eye of faith is dim;

But 'tis enough that Christ knows all,

And I shall be with Him."

"This hymn on 'The Covenant and Confidence of Faith' the author wrote for himself, but in a note he adds: 'This covenant my dear wife, in her former sickness, subscribed with a cheerful spirit'. It is found in his 'Poetical Fragments', 1681. It has, as there published, eight double stanzas. The original has been improved by a few verbal changes. In verse one above, which is the fourth verse of the original, the author wrote: 'Now it belongs not to my care'. In verse two, line four, he wrote: 'That shall have the same pay.'. It is based on Philippians 1:21: 'For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain'. It is indeed a beautiful hymn of love, trust, and hope."

-Taken from, "The Hymns And Hymn Writers Of The Church: An Annotated Edition Of The Methodist Hymnal", by Charles S Nutter and Wilbur F Tillet; 1911; hymn #470, found on pages 248-249.

**Re: Richard Baxter's Hymn, on: 2016/3/18 0:14**

This is a beautiful hymn to contemplate brother Richie. Thank you for finding it.

Sister L

**Re: - posted by Yeshuasboy (), on: 2016/3/28 19:54**

Oh, if I could just share Christ and His character 24/7 - that will be my Aim, by the grace of God. But, me, oh Lord, I am a dog, Thou knowest all things. Thou hast been too good to me, and Thy Love and goodness has brought me to repentance.

To Him be all praise and honour.