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LET THE WALLS COME DOWN - posted by Lordoitagain (), on: 2009/6/26 14:27

When I first heard this song sung by Steve Green, I thought that maybe he had started leaning in the direction of "ecumenical". The more that I have come to understand God's ways, the more that I have realized the deep truth conveyed in this song. One of the things that I enjoy about this site is that while differences are "voiced", unity is sought after because we realize that it is the only way that revival will come.

LET THE WALLS COME DOWN

All throughout the spirit realm a fearsome battle rages
The fates of men and nations hang suspended in the fray
Walls designed by Satan in the twilight of the ages
Now stand as great divisions all across the world today

Walls not born of government nor strife amid the nations
But walls within our churches and between denominations
Stones of dry tradition carved in fear and laid in pride
Become a dismal prison to those withering inside

Chorus:

Let the walls come down
Let the walls come down
Let the walls that divide us
And hide us come down
If in Christ we agree
Let us seek unity
Let the walls
Let the walls come down
Let the walls
Let the walls come down

The body weak and powerless, crippled by division
The victim of a tragic and most cruel civil war
Brother fighting brother over culture and tradition
While countless lost and dying lie as casualties of war

It's time to end the foolishness of warring with each other
And kneel in true repentance that our union be restored
May we then as brothers rally round the cross of Jesus
And carry on with diligence the mission of our Lord

Chorus

Oh children of God
Oh soon to be bride
Let us humble ourselves
And crucify pride
Throw off the flesh
And its pious facade
And unite in the name of God Chorus

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I tried to find a free audio or video version of the song, and all I found was this group of young people making a skit with the song played in the background:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KeEGQexBffE>

Re: LET THE WALLS COME DOWN - posted by HeartSong, on: 2009/6/26 14:59

Quote:

-----Stones of dry tradition carved in fear and laid in pride
Become a dismal prison to those withering inside

This is so very true - and so very sad.

Re: - posted by Lordoitagain (), on: 2009/6/26 19:19

SO TRUE! I heard a preacher last night say "one of the saddest things that I have seen all over the country is a nice church building and facility with a Century21 sign in front of it . . . and don't think that it can't happen right here . . ."

When I was younger, I thought that "dry tradition" was limited to extreme robotic formalism. I have lived to see such stones of dry tradition take on many forms. Often when God moves in a certain way . . . whether it is with handclapping and shouting, or silence and tears . . . we remember the way that God moved when our lives were touched, and we exclude all others who don't have the same manifestation as we do. Our hearts can get lifted up in pride because "once upon a time", God REALLY touched our lives in a certain way, and we can lose all contact with the rest of the body of Christ, and wither up and die. As the song says they are carved in fear and laid in pride, and they truly become a dismal prison to those withering inside.

I remember so very well an illustration that my pastor of many years ago gave of an older pastor who went to visit an elderly member of his church who had been missing many services. He walked in by his fireplace where the elderly member was sitting. He went over to the fire and simply pulled out a live burning coal, and separated it from the rest of the fire. Soon it lost its flame, and all of its heat. The older member got the message quickly without any words being spoken.

May God help us to blaze together in deep-down hunger for more of God, and never let the ashes of yesterday's fire smother out the possibility of heaven-sent revival TODAY!

Send the Fire!

William Booth
(1829-1912)
Founder of the Salvation Army

Thou Christ of burning, cleansing flame,
Send the fire, send the fire!
Thy blood bought gift today we claim,
Send the fire, send the fire!
Look down and see this waiting host,
Give us the promised Holy Ghost;
We want another Pentecost,
Send the fire, send the fire!

God of Elijah, hear our cry:
Send the fire, send the fire!
To make us fit to live or die,
Send the fire, send the fire!
To burn up every trace of sin,

To bring the light and glory in,
The revolution now begin,
Send the fire, send the fire!

Â'Tis fire we want, for fire we plead,
Send the fire, send the fire!
The fire will meet our every need,
Send the fire, send the fire!
For strength to ever do the right,
For grace to conquer in the fight,
For power to walk the world in white,
Send the fire, send the fire!

To make our weak hearts strong and brave,
Send the fire, send the fire!
To live a dying world to save,
Send the fire, send the fire!
O see us on Thy altar lay
Our lives, our all, this very day;
To crown the offering now we pray,
Send the fire, send the fire!

Re: LET THE WALLS COME DOWN, on: 2009/6/26 20:14

The Lord just laid this very subject of walls on my heart yesterday, I wrote this.....

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