Devotional Thoughts :: Once it was the Blessing

Once it was the Blessing - by AB Simpson

Once it was the blessing,
Now it is the Lord;
Once it was the feeling,
Now it is His Word;
Once His gift I wanted,
Now, the Giver own;
Once I sought for healing,
Now Himself alone.

   * All in all forever,
    Only Christ I'll sing;
    Everything is in Christ,
    And Christ is everything.

2. Once 'twas painful trying,
Now 'tis perfect trust;
Once a half salvation,
Now the uttermost;
Once 'twas ceaseless holding,
Now He holds me fast;
Once 'twas constant drifting,
Now my anchor's cast.

3. Once 'twas busy planning,
Now 'tis trustful prayer;
Once 'twas anxious caring,
Now He has the care;
Once 'twas what I wanted,
Now what Jesus says;
Once 'twas constant asking,
Now 'tis ceaseless praise.

4. Once it was my working,
His it hence shall be;
Once I tried to use Him,
Now He uses me;
Once the pow'r I wanted,
Now the Mighty One;
Once for self I labored,
Now for Him alone.

5. Once I hoped in Jesus,
Now I know He's mine;
Once my lamps were dying,
Now they brightly shine;
Once for death I waited,
Now His coming hail;
And my hopes are anchored
Safe within the veil.

Re: Once it was the Blessing   - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2009/8/22 12:52

Amen! this has been the meditation of my heart in the last 4 days here in cape breton.

Re: Once it was the Blessing   - posted by mackaymarsh, on: 2009/8/22 14:51

Thank you so much. I cannot tell you how grateful I am that you posted this hymn. It speaks volumes to my soul and helps to express my heart.
Wayne

Re: - posted by growingholly, on: 2009/8/24 22:28

this has been used to bless me *so much.*
thank you, and i thank God for this.

Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2009/8/29 21:54

 This hymn helps re-focuses me and reminds me that
Christ is my all in all. He is my satisfaction.

Diane