

“TILL WE MAKE EACH WORD OUR OWN.”

“YOU HAVE SPOKEN— YOURS THE FULNESS, OURS THE WEALTH OF THIS YOUR WORD;”

“Debtors, then, as LIVING LETTERS
we must make your Gospel heard!
By your Spirit’s pow’r transform us;
shed your living Light abroad
till our lives by love in action
show our world the truth of God.”

2 Cor. 3:1-3

Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness

Lord, we hear your Word with gladness;
You have spoken, we rejoice:
Words of love and life and freedom—
help us make their truth our choice!
Now in holy celebration
for your Word we worship you;
spoken, written, known in Jesus,
ours today to prove anew.

May we hear with understanding,
by your Spirit taught and led;
May the springs of all our being
by your living Word be fed.
May our hearts accept with meekness
all the grace your light makes known;
May obedience mark our footsteps
till we make each word our own!

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ours the wealth of this your Word;
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WHAT TYPE OF SONG IS THIS?

GLADNESS / REJOICING

1 John 5:3 *God's commands are not burdensome.*
John 15:11 *These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.*

Amos 8:1, 11-12 *The end has come upon my people Israel ... "Behold, the days are coming," declares the Lord God, "when I will send a famine on the land— not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, to seek the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it."*

1 Sam. 3:1, 28:15; 2 Chron. 15:3; Lam. 2:9; Proverbs 19:18

Is. 30:20-21 *And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself anymore, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.*

"spoken, written," and "known in Jesus."

Heb. 1:1-2 *Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.*

"words of love"

"words of life"

"May the springs of all our being by your living Word be fed."

"words of freedom"

"Now in holy celebration for your Word we worship you."

James 1:22-25 *Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he*

looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

"HELP US MAKE THEIR TRUTH OUR CHOICE!"

James 4:17 *Whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin*

Deut. 26:16 *Be careful to do them with all your heart*

Matt. 7:21 *"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven."*

Luke 8:21 *My brothers and sisters are those who hear the word of God and do it.*

"OURS TODAY TO PROVE ANEW."

Psalms 18:30 *This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.*
(also Prov. 30:5, 2 Sam. 22:31)

"TILL WE MAKE EACH WORD OUR OWN."

"by your Spirit" (stanza 2)

"by your Spirit's power transform us" (stanza 3)

What God does in stanza 2:

He gives the Spirit

He _____

He _____

He _____

He _____

He makes _____ known

Phil. 2:13 *[God] works in us to will and to work for his good pleasure.*