

EXPERIENCING BEING RESCUED OUT OF THE PRESENT EVIL AGE BY THE REVELATION OF GOD'S SON IN US

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The focal point of the divine revelation is that God's intention is for Christ to be wrought into us that we might become the sons of God for His corporate expression as the Body of Christ, the new man, and consummately, the New Jerusalem. This focal point is revealed in Galatians 1:15 and 16: "When it pleased God...to reveal His Son in me." This short phrase *His Son in me* is the essence and extract of God's eternal economy, and it is what pleases God, what makes God happy. God's heart's desire is to reveal His Son in us, and He wants to do this not only at the time of our conversion to Christ but also day by day during the whole course of our Christian life. The more He is revealed in us, the more He lives in us (2:20); the more He lives in us, the more He is formed in us (4:19); the more He is formed in us, the more we will be built up into His Body (Eph. 4:16) and be prepared to be His bride in order to hasten His coming (Rev. 19:7; 21:2; 2 Pet. 3:11-12), bring Him back, and usher in the kingdom age where, as His over-coming bride, we will enjoy Him, feast on Him, and reign with Him for a thousand years (Rev. 20:4, 6). This will ultimately consummate in eternity, in which all of God's chosen and redeemed people will be His wife enjoying Him forever and ever (21:9-10).

Every stanza of *Hymns*, #538 shows the focal point of the divine revelation. The chorus and every stanza, except one, have these two words—*in me*:

- 1 It is God's intent and pleasure
To have Christ revealed in me;
Nothing outward as religion,
But His Christ within to be.

It is God's intent and pleasure
That His Christ be wrought in me;
Nothing outwardly performing,
But His Christ my all to be.
- 2 It is God's intent and pleasure
That His Christ may live in me;
Nothing as an outward practice,
But Christ working inwardly.
- 3 It is God's intent and pleasure
That His Christ be formed in me;
Not the outward forms to follow,
But Christ growing inwardly.
- 4 It is God's intent and pleasure
That His Christ make home in me;
Not just outwardly to serve Him,
But Christ dwelling inwardly.