

It Is Well

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Matthew 27:45-56

Jesus had warned His disciples that in this world we would have trouble, and had reassured them and us that He had overcome the world (John 16:33). Now, He voluntarily gives up His life overcoming sin and death.

Horatio Spafford, who wrote the hymn "It Is Well with My Soul," had experienced both great success and great tragedy. The death of his young son was followed by financial loss in the Chicago fire and then the loss of four daughters in a shipwreck. It was from sad experience that he wrote, "When sorrows like sea billows roll" but even then he could say, "It is well with my soul." In this life we have trouble, and still at life's worst we can sing, "It is well with my soul."

Our assurance that it is well with our soul is not based on our worthiness, although we certainly "press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me" (Phil. 3:12). Our confidence that it is well comes from the fact, as the hymn says, "That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, And hath shed His own blood for my soul."

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