



There Is a Redeemer

The title of this hymn is truth that speaks to a basic life concern and, therefore, allows us to think about other things. There is a Redeemer: with that established we can get about the business of living this life, abundantly and redemptively.

There is a Redeemer, whom then shall I fear? There is a Redeemer, how then shall I live? And our life path and purpose starts to take shape and focus. There is a Redeemer, how then shall I relate to those around me? The gospel rushes forward with the answers and the Redeemer, Jesus, shines in the midst of it.

There is a Redeemer, how then shall I relate to the environment? The Redeemer redeems all of creation. There is a Redeemer, how then shall I relate to wealth and poverty, to the privileged and the oppressed? There is a Redeemer, how then can I ever consider another person my enemy? There is a Redeemer, in what then shall I boast?

Thank You Father, for giving us Your Son, and leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

There is a Redeemer. I shall not fear life or death. There is a Redeemer. I can approach the Throne boldly in prayer and in Heaven. There is a Redeemer, therefore my weaknesses are arenas for the display of Jesus' power.

There is a Redeemer, therefore I need not worry about what I shall wear or what I shall eat. God will work to feed and clothe God's children through the communal work and relationship of the redeemed. There is a Redeemer, so I don't have to figure out all the rightness, wrongness, or intricacies of forgiveness. I can simply receive it and give it. There is a Redeemer; grace abounds.

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