

# Good News From Chardon

## I Need Thee Every Hour

By Ron Thomas

*“What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you....And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:9, 19 ESV)*

Peace and tranquility in life is very important to each of us. Sometimes, however, it seems to be missing. In Scripture there is a peace from God that is never missing. Paul reminds us of that in the two verses from Philippians 4. We are also reminded of this in the song we sing, “I need thee every hour.” Let us reflect on a few thoughts from the song.

1) *No tender voice like thine can peace afford.* There is nothing like the soothing voice of a mother to help when the pain of life is so great it makes one immobile. Jesus’s voice is tender (Matthew 11:28-30), but let us not think it is so tender than He does not demand that we turn from our sins and live righteously (Ephesians 5:17). It is unfortunate that many in this world look upon Jesus as only a tender voice that calls us from despair, and while He is that, I am glad He is certainly that and more.

2) *Temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.* When you are tempted, and the temptation is overwhelmingly powerful, to whom do you turn in this time of crisis? Or, perhaps, a better question might be, do you turn away from the temptation? Temptation hits us all differently, but also with a good deal of sameness (if you will). In times of weakness, it is the time when the Lord’s name is not only on our lips, but in our heart. Though we are vulnerable, He is our strength. Sometimes the temptation is so great the ability to withstand seems impossible. Consequently, we just say to ourselves, “I will pay the price later.” The problem is, when later comes, the price is every bit as oppressive as the original temptation. The weight of guilt is oppressive, and those who give in are called to run from the continuing danger in soupy mud two feet thick.

3) *In joy or pain, come quickly and abide or life is vain.* There is no person like a Christian who has life laid out in such a way the path is clear. Some who try to live without the Lord can turn to a loved one to help in time of need, but sometimes that loved-one has no answer, no solution to the deep and dark counsels of one’s heart. To who, then, does a non-Christian turn? The Christian turns, and continues to turn to the Lord, for only He can give an answer and solution to most emptiness of life, taking the “vainness” away and giving hope. Sometimes, however, the taking and giving experience can be painful. What will you gain for your pain?

4) *O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son.* God’s love is so great that His Son came to this earth to not only give us relief from sin, but hope to tread our way through this life. More than that, however, He came to give us life, life in Him, in the Father’s Son. “For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ” (Galatians 3:26-27, KJV).

Does peace flow like a river through your soul? It won’t if the love of God is not center-seat in your heart. It may be a challenge for each of us to find that desired peace, but the peace we should desire is the peace that comes from God, surpassing all understanding.

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Church of Christ

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## Schedule of Services:

Greeting: Tom  
Song Leader: Ray  
Opening Hymn:  
239—Peace Perfect Peace  
Opening Prayer: Mark  
Hymn:  
485—Does Jesus Care?  
Scripture Reading: Larry  
Matthew 11:25-30  
Hymn:  
293—Night With Ebon  
Pinion  
Lord’s Supper: Dale  
Hymn:  
49—Kneel at the Cross  
Sermon: Tom  
Invitation Hymn:  
643—Christ Receiveth Sinful  
Men  
Closing Hymn:  
476—Sweeter as the Years Go  
By  
Closing Prayer: Ryan

PRAYER LIST

\*Beverly is in the hospital with COVID
\*Ron and Bonnie and their family. They are back home for a few days.
\*Margaret and Albert.
\*Wanda and her family. Her daughter-in-law's sister, Becky, has an abdominal tumor and also thyroid problems.
\*Kathy and her friends.
\*Kathy was feeling better last week.
\*Zarna Several members of her family in India have the virus.
\*Larry and Ruth.
\*Pat and Ron and their daughters. \*Juanita's sister Betty and the rest of her family.
\*Mary and her family.
\*Robert and Sara
\*Ray and Barbara The nephew passed away last week
\*Dale and his family.
\*Ray, Rebecca, and Steven.
\*Myron & Carole and their family. \*Mark and his family.
\*Our congregation
\*Our Veterans

CALENDAR

Jan. 3—Worship 11 am
Speaker: Tom
Jan. 3—Bible Study 6 pm
on-line with Dale
Jan. 10—Worship 11 am
Speaker: Tom
Jan. 10—Bible Study 6 pm
on-line with Dale
Jan. 13—(b.) Cindy
Jan. 15—(a.) Tom & Nina
Jan. 17—Worship 11 am
Speaker: Tom
Jan. 17—Bible Study 6 pm
on-line with Dale
Jan. 21—(b.) Madelyn
Jan. 21—(b.) Robert
Jan. 24—Worship 11 am
Speaker: Tom
Jan. 24—Bible Study 6 pm

Jesus Gives True Rest

Matthew 11:25-30

ANSWERED ANYONE BABES DELIVERED
EARTH EXCEPT FATHER GENTLE
HEART HEAVEN HEAVY HIDDEN
JESUS KNOWS LABOR LADEN
LEARN LOWLY PRUDENT REVEAL
SEEMED SIGHT SOULS THANK
THESE THINGS WILLS

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Hidden Message: \_\_\_\_\_
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If people are sleeping during the sermon
the preacher may be the one who needs
to wake up.

SUNDAY: Worship — 11:00 am; Bible Study — 6:00 pm (on Zoom);
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Answer to Puzzle: My yoke is
easy and My burden is light.