

Softly and Tenderly #584

Mat 23:37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling.

As I watch the tenderness and fierce protection of animals for their young, the love of Jesus haunts me. He cared so much!

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me;
See, on the portals He's waiting and
watching,
Watching for you and for me.

Jesus to the church at Laodicea as
he called on them to overcome their
indifference.

Rev 3:20 'Behold, I stand at the
door and knock; if anyone hears My
voice and opens the door, I will
come in to him, and will dine with
him, and he with Me.

Luk 15:20 "And he got up and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him, and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him, and kissed him. (21) "And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' (22) "But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet; (23) and bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat and be merry; (24) for this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' And they began to be merry.

Come home, come home,
You who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, O sinner, come home!

Mat 11:28 "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. (29) "Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and YOU SHALL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. (30) "For My yoke is easy, and My load is light."

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
Pleading for you and for me?

1Jn 2:1 My little children, I am writing
these things to you so that you may not sin.
And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate
with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;

Why should we linger and heed not His
mercies,
Mercies for you and for me?

Joh 7:37 Now on the last day, the great day
of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out,
saying, "If any man is thirsty, let him come
to Me and drink. (38) "He who believes in
Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his
innermost being shall flow rivers of living
water.'"

Joh 9:4 "We must work the works of Him who sent Me, as long as it is day; night is coming, when no man can work.

Eph 2:4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, (5) even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

Time is now fleeting, the moments
are passing,
Passing from you and from me;
Shadows are gathering, deathbeds
are coming,
Coming for you and for me.

2Ki 20:1 In those days Hezekiah became mortally ill. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live.'"

Psa 90:10 As for the days of our life, they contain seventy years, Or if due to strength, eighty years, Yet their pride is but labor and sorrow; For soon it is gone and we fly away.

O for the wonderful love He has
promised,
Promised for you and for me!

Php 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ,
and to die is gain. (22) But if I am
to live on in the flesh, this will mean
fruitful labor for me; and I do not
know which to choose. (23) But I
am hard-pressed from both
directions, having the desire to
depart and be with Christ, for that is
very much better;

Tit 1.1 for the faith of those chosen
of God and the knowledge of the
truth which is according to
godliness, 2 in the hope of eternal
life, which God, who cannot lie,
promised long ages ago

Joh 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: believe in God, believe also in me. (2) In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. (3) And if I go and prepare a place for you, I come again, and will receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. (4) And whither I go, ye know the way. (5) Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; how know we the way? (6) Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no one cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Though we have sinned, He has
mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me.

Which one of us can say that we
have not failed to help someone in
need, whether physically or
mentally?

1Ti 1:12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service; (13) even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. And yet I was shown mercy, because I acted ignorantly in unbelief; (14) and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are found in Christ Jesus. (15) It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all.

Rom 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the
glory of God,

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the
free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our
Lord.

2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slow about His promise,
as some count slowness, but is patient toward
you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to
come to repentance.

Would you be a child of God, one for whom He watches night and day, waiting on your arrival at his house?

Joh 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,

If you believe you have the right to be baptized!

Acts 8:36 And as they went on the way, they came unto a certain water; and the eunuch saith, Behold, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? 37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thy heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Act 8:38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they both went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.

What does baptism do? It completes the sequence – based upon your belief, your confession of that belief, your willingness to turn from your sins, baptism puts you into Christ.

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ.