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JESUS, Thy message speaks within:
The mercy which Thy words reveal
Refines the heart from flesh and sin,
And stamps its own authentic seal.

- 2 The guilty soul who trusts Thy blood, Finds peace and pardon at the cross: The sinful heart, averse to God, Loves and believes the Father's laws.
- The doubting mind gives up its strife,
 When God's converting mercies shine;
 The voice that calls the dead to life,
 Must be almighty and divine!
- 4 'Tis God's inimitable hand
 That moulds the heart and mind anew;
 Cynics no longer should withstand,
 But bow and own the doctrine true.
- Questions and doubts are heard no more,
 Christ and His joy is all our theme;
 His Spirit seals the Gospel sure
 To every soul that trusts in Him.

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748