

WHO shall the Lord's elect condemn?
'Tis God that justifies their souls;
And mercy like a mighty stream
Purging their sin divinely rolls.

- 2 Who shall condemn the saints to hell?
'Tis Christ that suffered in their stead,
All their salvation to fulfil,
Then rose triumphant from the dead.
- 3 He lives, He lives, and sits above,
For ever interceding there;
Who shall divide us from His love?
Or what should tempt us to despair?
- 4 Shall persecution, or distress,
Famine, or sword, or nakedness?
He Who has loved us bears us through,
And makes us more than conquerors too.
- 5 Faith has an overcoming power,
It triumphs in the dying hour:
Christ is our joy, our hope, our life,
Nor can we sink in earthly strife.
- 6 Not all that men on earth can do,
Nor powers on high, nor powers below,
Shall cause His mercy to remove,
Or wean our hearts from Christ our love.

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