

1 **Holy, holy, holy!** Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

2 Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around
the glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before thee,
Who was and is and evermore shall be.

3 Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth,
and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity. – R. Heber

1 **When all thy mercies**, O my God,
my rising soul surveys,
transported with the view, I'm lost
in wonder, love, and praise.

2 Unnumbered comforts to my soul
thy tender care bestowed,
before my infant heart conceived
from whom those comforts flowed.

3 When in the slippery paths of youth
with heedless steps I ran,
thine arm unseen conveyed me safe,
and led me up to man.

4 Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
my daily thanks employ,
and not the least a cheerful heart
which tastes those gifts with joy.

5 Through every period of my life
thy goodness I'll pursue,
and after death in distant worlds
the glorious theme renew.

6 Through all eternity to thee,
a joyful song I'll raise;
for O, eternity's too short
to utter all thy praise. – J Addison

BENEDICTION

From Revelation 1:4 Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the Holy Spirit before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

1. BOOKS

Covenant Books UK¹ has a growing catalogue of 22 books to date. They all have some sort of connection to Jesus.

John 21:25 *Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.*

Q. So, why did John write his gospel?

John 20:30 *Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.* ³¹ *But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*

2. JOHN'S GOSPEL

Q. Why a fourth gospel?

The wedding at Cana, Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman of Sychar, Lazarus' resurrection ...

John 11:35 *Jesus wept.* – his humanity

John 11:25-26 *Jesus said to her [Martha], 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?'* – his divinity

3. JESUS HIMSELF

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| 1. I AM the bread of life 6:35,41,48,51 | 5. I AM the resurrection and the life 11:25 |
| 2. I AM the light of the world 8:12 | 6. I AM the way, the truth, and the life 14:6 |
| 3. I AM the gate/door for the sheep 10:7,9 | 7. I AM the true vine 15:1,5 (Cf. Isaiah 5) |
| 4. I AM the good shepherd 10:11,14 | Cf. Exodus 3:14: The LORD: "I AM who I AM". |

These are reasons why we should believe in, i.e. trust, Jesus for ourselves.

CONCLUSION

Rowland Hill (1744-1833) – Calvinistic Methodist preacher in London:

*'A drunken man came up to Rowland Hill, one day, and said, "I am one of your converts, Mr. Hill." "I daresay you are, but you are not one of the Lord's, or you would not be drunk."'*²



Whatever our life-problems, we must make sure that we are Jesus' own converts.



¹ <https://covenantbooksuk.org.uk/>

² *The Soul Winner* – C.H. Spurgeon, p33.