

Largs Church of the Nazarene
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Praise to the Lord Almighty
Joachim Neander

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear; now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings, yea so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen how thy desires have been
Granted in what He ordaineth

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with his love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him
Let the Amen sound from His people again
Gladly for aye we adore Him

I stand amazed in the presence
Chas. H. Gabriel

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus, the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me
A sinner, condemned, unclean

Refrain: How marvellous, how wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvellous, how wonderful
Is my Saviour's love for me

For me it was in the garden
He prayed not my will but Thine
He had no tears for His own griefs
But sweat-drops of blood for mine [Refrain]

He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them His very own
He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone [Refrain]



Mark 12 (NRSV)

28 One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' 29 Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord

our God, the Lord is one; 30 you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." 31 The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.'

Romans 14 (NRSV)

13 Let us therefore no longer pass judgement (*krinó*) on one another, but resolve (*krinó*) instead never to put a stumbling-block or hindrance in the way of another.

Your Neighbour as Yourself (Romans 14)

- **In the news: Facebook's filters**
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- **Mark 12:28-31, the greatest commandment**

- **Resolved:**

- **Love the Lord with all your mind (mental)**
- **Love the Lord with all your strength (physical)**
- **Love the Lord with all your heart and soul (spiritual)**
- **Love your neighbour as yourself (relational)**

- **The series so far: Joseph, Daniel, and Paul in Ephesus**

- **Your neighbour as yourself: radical hospitality**

- **Romans 14: “resolve(d)”**
 - Not *enthumeomai*; not *way-ya-sem*; not *etheto*
 - Here, *krinó*: to judge (lit. to separate)
 - Judging tomato sandwiches is one thing, but judging people is another
 - *Krinó*: both “pass judgement” and “resolve” in verse 13

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- **Romans 14 in context**
 - Gentile and Jewish culture meet Christianity
 - “Weak in the faith”

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- **Paul’s message to the strong: think of the “weak” first**
 - “Nothing is unclean in itself; but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean.”
 - Not Shakespeare. He said ““there is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so.” (*Hamlet*)
 - Not an excuse to overlook (tolerate) sin

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- **When you disagree with your Christian brother or sister**
 - Don’t let it cause you to judge them
 - Put them first and do what is edifying to them
 - Love them as yourself

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- **The kingdom of God is not food and drink (not matters of opinion) but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. (verse 17)**
 - Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual edification. (verse 19)

Let’s resolve to love our neighbour as ourself.

I Am Resolved

Palmer Hartsough

I am resolved no longer to linger
 Charmed by the world’s delight
 Things that are higher, things that are nobler
 These have allured my sight

Refrain: I will hasten to Him
 Hasten so glad and free
 Jesus, greatest, highest
 I will come to Thee

I am resolved to go to the Saviour
 Leaving my sin and strife
 He is the true one
 He is the just one
 He hath the words of life [Refrain]

I am resolved to count all as losses
 So that I may gain Christ
 Share in His suffering
 Share in His raising
 Granted a brand new life [Refrain]

Doxology

Thomas Ken

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
 Praise Him all creatures here below
 Praise Him above ye heavenly host
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost