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1 The Lord's my light and saving health,  
who shall make me dismay'd?  
My life's strength is the Lord, of whom  
then shall I be afraid?

3 That I the beauty of the Lord  
behold may and admire,  
And that I in his holy place  
may rev'rently enquire.

We often hear about footballers being transferred at a great sum.

"You have been transferred " is one translation of verse 14.

If we think about it when a footballer is transferred ...

... a fee is paid

... he works under a new manager

... he is part of a new team and

...sometimes he will be playing to a different goal

we can see the parallel - Jesus gave His life as a ransom

- Jesus is like a new manager

- we are part of His team

- our goal in life is sometimes different from culture round about us



**Before ... and after : look at some of the contrasts in the passage**

Darkness to light

Slavery to freedom

Condemnation to forgiveness

Power of evil to power of God

**What are the features of the Christian life ?**

**1. Reason for its affirmation** Word of truth News not views

Grace : initiative gift of God - G od's

R iches

A t

C hrist's

E xpense

**2. Ring of authenticity**

Makes active difference in our daily lives

i.e. not just head knowledge (like tadpoles which are all head!)

**3. Resolve for availability**

lead life pleasing to Him i.e. operational and continuing to grow

endurance and patience with joy i.e. joy of depending on Jesus and His certainty

give thanks to the Father i.e. focus on Jesus leads to gratitude



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Praise the Spirit in creation,  
breath of God, life's origin:  
Spirit, moving on the water,  
quickening worlds to life within,  
source of breath to all things breathing,  
lie in whom all lives begin.

Praise the Spirit, close companion  
of our inmost thoughts and ways:  
who, in showing us God's wonders,  
is for us the power to gaze;  
and God's will to those who listen,  
by a still small voice conveys.

Praise the Spirit, who enlightened  
priests and prophets with the word;  
holy truth behind the wisdoms  
which as yet knew not our Lord;  
by whose love and power in Jesus,  
God by us was seen and heard.

Hear us Lord as we pray that your team, the church may reflect Your purpose and radiate Your love

We pray for the church global -

- where there is persecution, civil war, malnutrition, in refugee camps

We pray for the church national -

- for CrossReach in its care for a cross section of society, the hurting, the lonely,  
the disabled, those suffering from addictions

We pray for the church locally -

- for envisioning, equipping and enabling that we may actively share the good news of Jesus  
and be united in serving You.

We pray for our own lives

- that you may indeed be our team manager

Hear us as we pray for .....

and as we sum up our prayers in the prayer of the Christian family "Our Father ... "

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Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,  
gentle as is the dove;  
teach us the truth and help us believe,  
show us the Saviour's love!

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You spoke to us long, long ago,  
gave us the written word;  
we read it still, needing its truth  
through it God's voice is heard.

Chorus:

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,  
gentle as is the dove;  
teach us the truth and help us believe,  
show us the Saviour's love!

Without your help we fail our Lord,  
we cannot live His way;  
we need Your power, we need Your strength,  
following Christ each day.

Chorus:

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