Freely, Gladly Yours!

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. (Galatians 2:20, NASB)

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought for a price: therefore glorify God in your body. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20, NASB)

Do you not know that the one to whom you present yourselves as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of that same one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness? But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and after being freed from sin, you became slaves to righteousness. (Romans 6:16-18, NASB)

Father, I was a slave to sin,

not just in theory, but in fact.

I remember.

What a miserable, degrading life!

But you bought me back from slavery, and at such a precious price! (1 Peter 1:17-19) I am bound to You forever.

But what a wonderful bond unites us!

You treat me,

not as a slave.

but as an honored, dearly-loved child.

Even through life's deepest difficulties,

You always, only give me what is best.

You share

Your Spirit,

Your wisdom,

Your inner strength,

Your rightness,

Your peace.

Almighty, glorious God,

You share Yourself!

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I am wholly Yours,
freely,
gladly,
forever!
I love You,
my loving Father!
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Hymn: <u>I Live in You</u>

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