

CALL TO WORSHIP

Harpeth Baptist Church

The Old Testament, an overview

Malachi

Promises to the Faithful

Text: The Book of Malachi

Responsive Reading: 1 Chronicles 16:8-15

SONGS

8:30 service

433 More About Jesus

476 I Surrender All

541 He Keeps Me Singing

11:00 service

111 And Can It Be

309 There Is A Fountain

His Mercy Is More

310 The Old Rugged Cross

[This week's special music - His Mercy Is More \(Click here to listen\)](#)

And Can It Be?

This hymn was written by the prolific hymn writer Charles Wesley. The reports of the numbers of hymns he wrote in his life varies, but is always in the thousands! Charles wrote this hymn immediately after his conversion in 1738.

This song is rich in the word, with at least 20 scripture references. How could a man who had just been converted have such a knowledge of scripture? Because he was a minister and a missionary. Prior to this he had trusted in his works for salvation, but finally he trusted Christ.

His brother John was also a minister and missionary. Three days later God saved him as well.

“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”

Titus 3:5-7

We are justified by **grace alone**, through God's kind, gracious, and free initiative. He gives us what we don't deserve and could never earn: forgiveness, transformation into Christ's image, and adoption into his family.