

# ***“Blessed Assurance” The Gospel Songs & Scriptures of Fanny Crosby, Part 2***

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***“Gospel hymns have the distinction of being America’s most typical contribution to Christian music. Gospel hymns have been a plough digging-up hardened surface of paved minds. Their obviousness has been their strength. It is the music of the people.”***

## **1. *Blessed Assurance.* 1873**

- **Regeneration**
- **Sanctification**
- **Atonement**

Verse 1

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

Chorus

**This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior, all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior, all the day long.**

Verse 2

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

Chorus

Verse 3

**Perfect submission, all is at rest  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.**

## **What is assurance? On what is your assurance based?**

- **“Assurance” in the Old Testament: *aman***; translated as “to build up” or “support”; to “foster as a parent or nurse”; “to be firm or faithful”, “to trust or believe”, “to be permanent or quiet”; “to be true or certain”.
  - **Psalm 78:22, 32, 37.** *“Because they did not believe in God and did not trust his saving power ... They still sinned; despite his wonders, they did not believe ... Their hearts were not steadfast toward him; they were not faithful to his covenant.*
  - **Isaiah 7:9.** *“If you are not firm in faith, you will not be firm at all.”*

In the KJV & literally: *“If you will not believe, you will not be established.”*

- **“Assurance” in the New Testament: *plérophoria* (n) or *plérophoreó* (v)**; often translated "giving full assurance," but it properly means "bearing (wearing) the work of God to the fullest extent." That is, to the full capacity of the individual believer who is "fully persuaded" by Him.

**Colossians 2:1-3.** *“I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you ... <sup>2</sup> that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ ...”*

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**Hebrews 10:19-22.** *“Since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,<sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,<sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God,<sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith ...<sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.”*

**Hebrews 6:9-12.** *“Beloved, we feel sure of better things -- things that belong to salvation.<sup>10</sup> For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown ... in serving the saints, as you still do.<sup>11</sup> And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end,<sup>12</sup> so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”*

**Romans 4:19-22.** *“(Abraham) did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.<sup>20</sup> No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,<sup>21</sup> fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.<sup>22</sup> That is why his faith was ‘counted to him as righteousness.’”*

**Colossians 4:12.** *“Epaphras ... always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God.”*

### **2. “Rescue the Perishing”. 1869**

- Evangelism
- Calling
- Fallen nature & Wages of Sin

Verse 1

Rescue the perishing,  
Care for the dying,  
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;  
Weep o’er the erring one, lift up the fallen,  
Tell them of Jesus the mighty to save.

Chorus

Rescue the perishing,  
Care for the dying;  
Jesus is merciful,  
Jesus will save.

Verse 2

Though they are slighting Him,  
Still He is waiting,  
Waiting the penitent child to receive;  
Plead with them earnestly, plead with them gently;  
He will forgive if they only believe.

Chorus

Verse 3

Down in the human heart,  
Crushed by the tempter,  
Feelings lie buried that grace can restore;  
Touched by a loving heart, wakened by kindness,  
Chords that were broken will vibrate once more.

Chorus

Verse 4

Rescue the perishing,  
Duty demands it;  
Strength for thy labor the Lord will provide;  
Back to the narrow way patiently win them;  
Tell the poor wanderer a Savior has died.

Chorus

**What does it mean to “rescue”? See Psalm 18:16-19.**