

Hymns12.5.9 Looking Inward, Reaching Outward

"So, if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. (John 8:36) "...so faith without works is ...dead."(James 2:26)

Looking inward, reaching outward,

let our faith and works unite.

Walking close to Christ our Savior

leads us to our neighbors' plight.

Loving, caring, serving others

who are also sisters, brothers,

shows our love to Christ himself.

See the homeless taking shelter

in the box across the grates,

or the children combing dumpsters

for the food from off our plates.

Shall we turn away uncaring

letting others do the sharing?

Then, we'll miss the Lord himself.

Hear the anguished cry for freedom

in the streets of many lands;

as this human aspiration

grows from hope to just demands.

All God's children want their freedom,

a reflection of God's kingdom,

where the Son shall free indeed.

Acts of kindness, stands for justice

all begin within the heart.

Reaching out to those around us--

Come, all Christians: do your part.

Inward faith and outward action

form a holy combination,

which is truly praise to God!

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