



While the world had yet no being, nor had time its course begun; all-ordaining, all foreseeing, God, in purpose, gave his Son: gave him to the death for men, love its work was doing then.

4. God's elect may bid defiance to the foe, to every foe.On the Lord their whole reliance, just, because he counts them so.Who on those in judgment sits, those whom God himself acquits.

3. 'Tis indeed a wondrous story, one that time can never tell; how himself, the Lord of glory, by the hand of justice fell: but his purpose was to save, by the cross, and through the grave.

5. Who, then, shall his people sever from the love of Christ, their Lord? Jesus is the same for ever, good and faithful is his word. Hence no evil can affect, nothing injure God's elect.

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