PRAISE FOR CONVERSION



2. Boasting, Lord, is not for me; what I am, I am thro' thee; let not me usurp the praise due alone to thy free grace!

Strength and merit I disclaim; nought is mine but sin and shame.

- 3. Self-abased, O may I feel my depravity of will! Cause me, more and more, to see my incessant need of thee; know myself (what well thou know'st) viler than the vilest dust.
- 4. Cause me, Lord, to understand; take my heart into thy hand; make me pliant to obey, passive as the yielding clay; mightily in me fulfill all the pleasure of thy will.
- 5. Does th' Almighty but persuade?
 Suasion cannot raise the dead:
 nothing, short of pow'r divine,
 could subdue a soul like mine:
 grace omnipotent alone
 could dissolve my heart of stone.
- 6. First and Last, O Lord, art thou;
 Alpha and Omega too:
 thou, who didst thy grace in-breathe,
 wilt complete the work of faith:
 where thou art its Author, there
 thou wilt be its Finisher.
- 7. Yes, however sin oppose, what Jehovah wills he does: day by day, his pow'r I prove; saved by his constraining love; called by his effectual word; self-destroyed, and God-restored!

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