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I AM HIS AND HE IS MINE

George Wade Robinson, 1838-1877

[*"YOUR LIFE IS HIDDEN WITH CHRIST IN GOD" (Colossians 3:3)*]

Spiritual maturity is a growing appreciation of God simply for who He is. Only then can we begin to revel in our eternal union with Him. This realization gives all of life a different perspective. Life takes on a new dignity, worth, and meaning. Even nature is viewed differently- "earth around is sweeter green...." Learning to abide in Christ means that we live with a calmer, more relaxed attitude because we rely on God rather than ourselves-"things that once were wild alarms cannot now disturb my rest." John Wesley often spoke of this kind of life as "living with a loose rein." Our union with Christ also makes us victors when we realize that "while God and I shall be," nothing in life can ever separate us from this eternal love relationship (Romans 8:35).

The author of this text, George Wade Robinson, was a pastor of Congregational churches in England. The composer, James Mountain, was an Anglican minister who became greatly influenced by the Moody-Sankey campaigns in England in the early 1870's. Mountain later devoted his life to the work of evangelism both in Great Britain and world-wide. "I Am His and He Is Mine" first appeared in James Mountain's collection, *Hymns of Consecration and Faith*, published in 1876. The truths this hymn presents so well become more meaningful each time we sing it.

- ♪ Loved with everlasting love, led by grace that love to know-Spirit, breathing from above, Thou hast taught me it is so! O this full and perfect peace, O this transport all divine-In a love which cannot cease, I am His and He is mine.
- ♪ Heav'n above is softer blue; earth around is sweeter green; something lives in ev'ry hue Christless eyes have never seen! Birds with gladder songs o'erflow, flow'rs with deeper beauties shine, since I know, as now I know, I am His and He is mine.
- ♪ Things that once were wild alarms cannot now disturb my rest; closed in everlasting arms, pillowed on the loving breast! O to lie forever here, doubt and care and self resign, while He whispers in my ear - I am His and He is mine.
- ♪ His forever, only His- who the Lord and me shall part? Ah, with what a rest of bliss Christ can fill the loving heart! Heav'n and earth may fade and flee, first born light in gloom decline, but while God and I shall be, I am His and He is mine.

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"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:18 - 20

