**THERE IS JOY IN SERVING JESUS**

There is joy in serving Jesus As I travel on my way;

Joy that fills my heart with praises Every hour and every day.

There is joy, joy, joy in serving Jesus Joy that throbs within my heart;

Every moment, every hour As I draw upon His power There is joy, joy, joy that never will depart.

There is joy in serving Jesus Joy that triumphs over pain

Fills my soul with heaven's beauty Till I join the glad refrain.

There is joy in serving Jesus As I walk alone with God.

It's the joy of Christ my Savior Who the path of suffering trod.

There is joy in serving Jesus Joy within the darkest night.

For I've learned the wondrous secret And I'm walking in the Light.

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Long ago, even before He made the world, God chose us to be His very own through what Christ

would do for us, He decided then to make us holy in His eyes, without a single fault --we who stand

before Him covered with His love. His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us

into His own family by sending Jesus Christ to die for us.  And He did this because He wanted to!

Now all praise to God for His wonderful kindness to us and His favor that He has poured out upon us

because we belong to His dearly loved Son. So overflowing is His kindness towards us that He

took away all our sins through His blood of His Son, by whom we are saved, and He has showered down

upon us the richness of His grace --for how well he understands us and knows what is best for us at all

times. God has told us His secret reason for sending Christ, a plan He decided on in mercy long ago, and

this was His purpose: that when the time is ripe He will gather us all together from wherever we are --in

heaven or on earth --to be with Him in Christ forever, Moreover, because of what Christ has done we

have become gifts to God that He delights in, for as parts of God's sovereign plan we were chosen from

the beginning to be His, and all things happen just as He decided long ago. Eph. 1: 4- 11The Living Bible.