



? **WHAT IS IT AND HOW CAN I BE WELL IN SPITE OF IT?**

“It is well” means...

“I am well...”

even in times of horrific trouble...

as long as almighty God is with me and I am with Him.

4 **“IT IS WELL” SECRETS FROM HORATIO SPAFFORD AND THE HOLY SPIRIT**

1. **I REMEMBER THE WORDS CHRIST SPOKE TO ME.**

When peace like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll;
 Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, it is well. (It is Well – vs. 1)

I have told you these things so that you will be whole and at peace. In this world, you will be plagued with times of trouble, but you need not fear; I have triumphed over this corrupt world order. **John 16:33** (VOICE)

And now dear friends of mine. I beg you not to be unduly alarmed at the fiery ordeals which come to test your faith, as though this were some abnormal experience... **1 Peter 4:13** (Phillips)

We believe, and so we speak. **2 Corinthians 4:13b** (NCV)

2. **I REFUSE TO BELIEVE THAT CHRIST DOESN'T CARE FOR ME.**

Though Satan should buffet, Though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control,
 that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
 (It is Well – vs. 2)

Suddenly...a ferocious storm arose, with violent winds and waves that were crashing into the boat until it was nearly swamped. ³⁸ But Jesus was calmly sleeping in the stern, resting on a cushion. ³⁹ So they shook him awake, saying, “Teacher, don’t you even care that we are all about to die!” **Mark 4:37-39** (TPT)

3. **I REFOCUS ON WHAT MATTERS MOST**

• **God’s grace that has forgiven me.**

My sin -oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part but the whole,
 Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, O
 my soul! It is well... (It is Well – vs. 3)

• **Christ’s Purpose that Compels me**

For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live ... (It is Well – vs. 4a)

For it is Christ’s love that fuels our passion and motivates us, because we are absolutely convinced that he has given his life for all of us. This means all died with him, ¹⁵ so that those who live should no longer live self-absorbed lives but lives that are poured out for him. **2 Corinthians 5:14-15** (TPT)

• **Death’s sting that cannot destroy me.**

... If Jordan above me shall roll, No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life
 Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul. It is well... (It is Well – vs. 4b)

It is sin that gives death its sting and the law that gives sin its power.⁵⁷ But we thank God for giving us the victory as conquerors through our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One.⁵⁸ So now, beloved ones, stand firm, stable, and enduring. Live your lives with an unshakable confidence. **1 Corinthians 15:55-58** (TPT)

• **Heaven’s glory that is awaiting me.**

But, Lord, 'tis for thee, for Thy coming we wait, The sky, not The grave, is our goal,
 Oh, trump of the angel! oh, voice of the Lord! Blessed hope, blessed rest of my soul!
 It is well... (It is Well – vs. 5)

Who, then, can separate us from the love of Christ? Can trouble do it, or hardship or persecution or hunger or poverty or danger or death? ³⁶As the scripture says, "For your sake we are in danger of death at all times; we are treated like sheep that are going to be slaughtered." ³⁷ No, in all these things we have complete victory through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am certain that nothing can separate us from his love: neither death nor life, neither angels nor other heavenly rulers or powers, neither the present nor the future, ³⁹neither the world above nor the world below--- there is nothing in all creation that will ever be able to separate us from the love of God which is ours through Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 8:35-39** (GNB)

4. **I REFLECT ON GOD’S GOODNESS MORE THAN MY PROBLEMS.**

Summing it up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious-the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse. **Philippians 4:8** (MP)