

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

The original title for this song is the Latin, *Adeste Fideles*, which literally means, “Arrive! Faithful Ones.” The song was first published in 1751, and may well be the most popular Christmas carol.

Like last week’s carol, *O Come Emmanuel*, this week’s song has great theology and teaches us the true character and nature of the Christ Child.

Who is Jesus?

A. Jesus is the “go to” authority for everything.

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, Born the King of angels

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing with exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, glory in the highest

- The faithful (on earth) come to behold him.
- Jesus is the “born-king” of angels.
- All of heaven, angels and citizens, give Glory to God!

Matthew 28:18, Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.”

B. Jesus is the “how to” for Godliness.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing.

John 1:14, So the Word became flesh, human being, and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father’s one and only Son.

- Jesus is the “spec sheet” (the Word) of the Father.
- Jesus is the “demo,” God with skin on.

[Chorus]

C. Jesus is adorable.

O come, let us adore Him (x3), Christ the Lord!

If something is “adorable” then we regard it with the utmost esteem, love, respect and honor.

If Jesus is adorable, then, we ...

- Esteem Him ... meaning we delight to give Him our attention.
- Love Him ... love Him so much we determine to obey His every word.
- Respect Him ... and decide never to bring shame upon His name.
- Honor Him ... speak of Him to others with an aim to help them honor Him also.

King David said it perfectly in 1 Chronicles 29:11-12, let’s say it with him, responsive reading:

LEADER: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness ...

PEOPLE: ... the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty.

LEADER: Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O LORD, and this is your kingdom.

PEOPLE: We adore you as the one who is over all things.

LEADER: Wealth and honor come from you alone, for you rule over everything.

PEOPLE: Power and might are in your hand, and at your discretion people are made great and given strength.”

A closing prayer ... “Dear God, You have given us all the ‘go to’ and ‘how to’ we need in the person of Jesus. We adore Him! We pray for Your grace as we arrive during the Christmas season as Your faithful ones. In Jesus’ name, amen.”