

Changed

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*I've been to the bottom, I've been to the edge
And I've been down that road that led to failure and regret*

Oh, but I've been to the one who wrote his love for me in red

(Romans 5:8) But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

(Romans 5:6) You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

And I've been changed

(2 Corinthians 5:17) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new **creation**; the old has gone, the new has come!

(Galatians 6:15) Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is a new **creation**.

(Romans 1:20) For since the **creation** of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what **has been made**, so that men are without excuse.

(2 Corinthians 10:4–5) The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. {5} We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

*I've been hearing voices that sound a lot like shame
They try to keep me locked up
And say I'll always wear those chains*

(James 1:13–15) When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; {14} but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. {15} Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

(Romans 3:23) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

(James 2:10) For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

(Leviticus 5:17) “If a person sins and does what is forbidden in any of the LORD’s commands, even though he does not know it, he is guilty and will be held responsible.

(Romans 6:16) Don’t you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?

(Acts 13:38–39) “Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. {39} Through him everyone who believes is justified from everything you could not be justified from by the law of Moses.

(Romans 6:23) For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Colossians 1:13–14) For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, {14} in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

(1 John 1:9) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

(2 Corinthians 7:10–11) Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. {11} See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done. At every point you have proved yourselves to be innocent in this matter.

(Psalm 51:1–14) Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. {2} Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. {3} For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. {4} Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge. {5} Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. {6} Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. {7} Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. {8} Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. {9} Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. {10} Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. {11} Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. {12} Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. {13} Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you. {14} Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

(Romans 10:11) As the Scripture says, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”

(Ephesians 1:13–14) And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, {14} who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.

(Romans 5:1–2a) Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, {2} through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand...

*But they're talking to the old me,
And I don't answer to that name
Cause I've been changed*

(Revelation 2:17) He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it.

(Revelation 3:12b) ... I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name.

(John 3:16) “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

(2 Corinthians 5:17) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

(John 1:12) Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

(Jeremiah 29:11) For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

(Ephesians 2:10) For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

(2 Thessalonians 3:3) But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.

(James 4:7) Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

He changed my weeping to rejoicing

(Psalm 126) When the LORD brought back the captives to Zion, we were like men who **dreamed**. {2} Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.” {3} The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. {4} Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negev. {5} Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy. {6} He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him.

And my guilty into grace

(Romans 6:14) For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

Changed a list of wrongs behind me Into a past erased

(Isaiah 43:25) “I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more.

He changed my wounded into healing And my broken into praise

(Psalm 147:3) He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

It's a miracle of mercy That I'm standing here today, Changed I've been changed

(Matthew 20:29–34) As Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. {30} Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!” {31} The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!” {32} Jesus stopped and called them. “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked. {33} “Lord,” they answered, “we want our sight.” {34} Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.

(Colossians 1:13–14) For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, {14} in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

(Hebrews 10:19–22) Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, {20} by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, {21} and since we have a great priest over the house of God, {22} let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

*From a sinner stuck in old ways
To a child that he made new*

(1 Peter 1:3–6a) Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, {4} and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, {5} who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. {6} In this you greatly rejoice...

*He saw all the messes I made
And said "I still have plans for you"*

(Psalm 33:11) But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

(Jeremiah 29:10–14) This is what the LORD says: “When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. {11} For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. {12} Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. {13} You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. {14} I will be found by you,” declares the LORD, “and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,” declares the LORD, “and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.”

*Now I'm a living testimony
There's nothing God can't do
Cause I've been changed*

(Matthew 19:23–26) Then Jesus said to his disciples, “I tell you the truth, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. {24} Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” {25} When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, “Who then can be saved?” {26} Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

*So, come and find forgiveness
Let your heart believe
That no matter where you've been
You're just one step away from free
Let my story be the proof
That anyone can be changed*