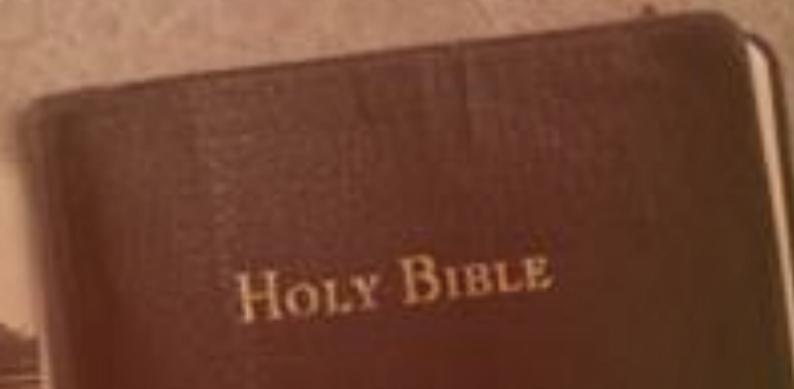


Old Time
Religion



Background

- The song traces back to the late 1800s & is rooted in African American spiritual tradition.
- It became widely known through camp meetings & revivals, where believers gathered outdoors to sing, pray, & testify.
- Its message emphasizes a faith that is steady, proven & trustworthy across generations.
- Seniors often resonate with it because it connects memory, heritage & hope.

Theme

The faith that carried earlier generations is the same faith that carries us today - simple, sincere trust in Jesus that saves, sustains, and leads us home.

Old Time Religion

*Give me that old time
religion*

*Tis the old time religion,
And it's good enough for
me.*

*It was good for our
mothers.*

*And it's good enough for
me.*

Old Time Religion

Makes me love everybody.
And it's good enough for
me.

It has saved our fathers.
And it's good enough for
me.

Old Time Religion

It will do when I am dying. It will take us all to heaven.
And it's good enough for And it's good enough for
me. me.



A Faith
That Endures

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- God's truth does not change even when the world does.
8 The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8 ESV)

A Faith That Endures

- It shaped earlier generations - Faith is passed down.

5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. 6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. (Deuteronomy 6:5–7 ESV)

A Faith That Endures

- It is rooted in God's unchanging character - Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today & forever.

8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. (Hebrews 13:8 ESV)

- It remains trustworthy in every season of life — From youth to old age, God carries His people.

4 even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save. (Isaiah 46:4 ESV)

A Faith That Endures

- It is built on the gospel that never loses power - The message of the cross is still the power of God.

18 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. (1 Corinthians 1:18 ESV)



LOVE
OTHERS

Love Others

- “Makes me love everybody” reflects the heart of Jesus.

34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. (John 13:34 ESV)

- Love is the evidence of genuine faith — Whoever loves is born of God.

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. (1 John 4:7 ESV)

Love Others

- Love breaks down barriers - In Jesus, we are one family.

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:28 ESV)

- Love is the mark of spiritual maturity.

14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. (Colossians 3:14 ESV)

Love Others

- Love is the fruit of the Spirit – The Spirit produces love in us.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (Galatians 5:22-23 ESV)

A Living Hope
in a Dying World



A Living Hope in a Dying World

- “It will do when I am dying” reflects confidence in Jesus.

*21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.
(Philippians 1:21 ESV)*

- Jesus prepares a place for His people –Heaven is our home.

(John 14:1–3)

A Living Hope in a Dying World

1 “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.” (John 14:1–3 ESV)

A Living Hope in a Dying World

- Faith removes the fear of death - Perfect love casts out fear.

18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. (1 John 4:18 ESV)

- Salvation is secure — Whoever believes has eternal life.

16 “For God so loved the world,[a] that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16 ESV)

A Living Hope in a Dying World

- Heaven is the final destination of the believer - We will be with the Lord forever.

17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

(1 Thessalonians 4:17 ESV)

Practical Applications

- Remember the faithfulness of God across your lifetime - Reflect on how He has carried you.
- Share your faith stories with younger generations - Your testimony strengthens others.
- Practice simple acts of love in your community - A kind word, a prayer, a smile.
- Rest in the assurance of salvation - Let God's promises quiet your fears.

Discussion Questions

- What memories come to mind when you hear the phrase “old-time religion”?
- Who in your life modeled a strong, simple faith that influenced you?
- How has your faith helped you love people who were difficult to love?
- What promises of God give you peace when you think about dying?
- How does the hope of heaven encourage you in your daily life?

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