

Christ Our Complete Salvation - Justified by Faith Alone !

“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy (Micah 7:18-20) He saved us . . . not according to our works, but according to His Own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began . . . !”*
Titus 3:5-7 and II Timothy 1:9
ref: Ephesians 1:4

“Now it was not written for his(Abraham’s) sake alone . . . But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed (reckoned), if we believe on Him that raised up Jesus our Lord (Sovereign King) from the dead . . .

*Who was delivered (given up) for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification. * Therefore . . . being justified by faith, we now have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ !”*
Romans 4:16-25 and 5:1, 12-19 and 6:1-6

Justification = to declare, render, make clear, to cleanse, to purify, make righteousness

Justified (H6663, G1344, 1342) = to declare and render clean, just, innocent, holy, righteous and perfect !

Quote -

“Christ is the sinner’s Substitute and Surety. He has obeyed the law in the sinner’s place, in order that the sinner may believe in Him, and grow up into Him in all things to the full stature of a man in Christ Jesus, and thus be complete in Him. **Christ has made reconciliation for sin**, and has borne all its ignominy, reproach, and punishment; and yet while bearing sin, He has brought in everlasting righteousness (Isaiah 45:17-19 & 63:1), so that the believer is spotless before God.

The time comes when it is asked, “**Who shall lay anything to the charge of God’s elect?**” and the answer is, “It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again.” He Who has the spotless robe of righteousness, woven in the loom of heaven, in which is not a thread that sinful humanity can claim, is at the right hand of God, to clothe His believing children in the perfect garment of His righteousness. Those who are saved in the kingdom God will have nothing of which to boast in themselves; the praise and the glory will all flow back to God the giver of Salvation !

But there are many who claim to be children of God who **are resting their hopes** upon other dependencies, rather than on the blood (Life) of Christ alone. When urged to rest their faith wholly upon Christ **as a complete Saviour**, many reveal the fact that they have faith in something that they think they can do. They say, “I have a great deal to do before I can be fit to come to Christ.” Another says, “When I have done to the uttermost all that I can do, then the Lord Jesus will come to my help.” They imagine that they have a great deal to do themselves **to save their own souls**, and that Jesus will come in and piece out that part which is lacking, and give the finishing stroke to their Salvation.

These poor souls will not be strong in God until they accept Christ as a complete Saviour. They can add nothing to their Salvation! . . . they can add nothing to their Salvation* (rescue, deliverance, freedom, healing and restoration) !

The Israelites were required **to sprinkle the door-posts with the blood of a slain lamb**, in order that when the angel of death passed through the land, they might escape destruction. But if instead of doing this simple act

of faith and obedience, they had barricaded the door, and taken every precaution to keep the destroying angel out, their pains would have been in vain, and would have testified to their unbelief . . . When the blood was seen upon the door-post, it was enough. The salvation of the house was assured. **So it is in the work of Salvation**; it is the blood of Jesus Christ that cleanseth from all sin . . .

It is not now the work of the sinner to make peace with God, but to accept Christ as his peace and righteousness. Thus man becomes One with Christ and One with God. There is no way by which the heart may be made holy, save through faith in Christ !”

- Youth Instructor, December 6, 1894

Quote - “The Lord would have His people sound in the faith-- not ignorant of **the great Salvation** (deliverance, rescue, freedom, healing and restoration) so abundantly provided for them . . .

They are not to look forward, thinking that at some future time a great work is to be done for them; for the work is now complete. The believer is not called upon to make his peace with God; he never has **nor ever can do this**. He is to accept Christ as his Peace, for with Christ is God and peace . . .

*“**And ye are complete in Him**, which is Head of all principality and power. In Whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ . . .*

Yea, buried with Him in baptism . . . wherein also ye are risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God (Theos - Deity, Divinity), Who hath raised Him from the dead . . . having forgiven you all trespasses !”*
Colossians 2:10-13, ref: Hebrews 4:12 and II Peter 1:4

*“**That ye may know** what is the hope* of His calling, and what is the abundant riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints* (consecrated, most holy) . . . And what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of His mighty* power . . .*

***Which He wrought in Christ**, when He raised Him from the dead, and set Him at His Own right hand in the heavens . . . far above all principality, and power, and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come . . . !”*

Ephesians 1:18-21 & I Thessalonians 2:13

Christ made an end of sin (Daniel 9:24), bearing its heavy curse in His Own body on the tree, and He hath taken away the curse (Galatians 3:10-14, Colossians 2:11-14 and Zephaniah 3:15) from all those who believe in Him as a personal Saviour. **He makes an end** of the controlling power of sin in the heart . . . and the life and character of the believer (those of faith) testify to the genuine character of the grace* (G5485 - Divine Influence) of Christ.

To those that ask Him *in faith* (Romans 10:17), Jesus imparts the Holy Spirit; for it is necessary that every believer should be delivered from pollution, as well as from the curse and condemnation of the law.

Through the work of the Holy Spirit, the sanctification of the Truth . . . “Thy Word is Truth (unfailing Verity! - John 17:17 and 6:63), the believer becomes fitted for the courts of heaven; for Christ works within us,

and His righteousness is upon us. Without this no soul will be entitled to heaven. We would not enjoy heaven unless qualified for its holy atmosphere by the Influence* (G5485 - grace) of the Spirit and the righteousness of Christ.

In order to be candidates for heaven we must meet the requirement of the law: “Thou shalt love the LORD thy God (Jehovah, *Yehuwah thy Elohim*) with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself” (Luke 10:27).

We can do this only as we grasp by faith the righteousness of Christ (Jeremiah 23:5-6). By beholding Jesus we receive a Living, expanding principle in the heart, and the Holy Spirit carries on the work, and the believer advances from grace to *greater* grace, from strength to *greater* strength, from character to *more perfect* character. He conforms to the image of Christ, until in spiritual growth he attains unto the measure of the full stature in Christ Jesus.

Thus Christ makes an end of the curse of sin, and sets the believing soul free from its action and effect !

Christ alone is able to do this, for “in all things it behoved Him to be made like unto His brethren, *so* that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succour them that are tempted” Hebrews 2:17-18).

Reconciliation means that every barrier between the soul and God is removed (Ephesians 2:13-14), and that the sinner realizes what the pardoning love of God means. By reason of the sacrifice made by Christ for fallen men, God can justly pardon the transgressor who accepts the merits* (worthiness) of Christ. ref: Hebrews 10:7-14

Christ was the channel through which the mercy, love, and righteousness might flow from the heart of God to the heart of the sinner. “He is faithful and *He is* Just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness !” I John 1:9.

In the prophecy of Daniel it was recorded of Christ that He shall “make reconciliation for iniquity, and . . . bring in everlasting righteousness” (Daniel 9:24). Every soul may say: “By His perfect obedience He has satisfied the claims of the law, and my only hope is found in looking to Him as my Substitute and Surety, Who obeyed the law perfectly for me. By faith in His merits (worthiness - Revelation 5:12), I am free from the condemnation of the law. He clothes me with His righteousness, which answers all the demands of the law.

I am complete in Him Who brings in everlasting righteousness (Ephesians 1:6 & Colossians 2:10). He presents me to God in the spotless garment of which no thread was woven by any human agent. All is of Christ, and all the glory, honor, and majesty are to be given to the Lamb of God, “**which taketh away the sins of the whole world**.” John 1:29, I John 2:2 & Romans 5:12-19

Many think that they must wait for a special impulse in order that they may come to Christ; but it is necessary only to come in sincerity of purpose, deciding to accept the offers of mercy and grace* (the Divine Influence upon your heart) that have been extended to us.

We are to say: “Christ died to save me. The Lord’s desire is that I should be saved, and I will come to Jesus just as I am without delay. **I will venture** (step out in faith) **upon the promise**. As Christ draws me, I will respond.” The apostle says, “With the heart man believeth unto righteousness” (Romans 10:10). No one can

believe with the heart unto righteousness, and obtain justification* (innocence, righteousness and holiness) by faith, while continuing the practice of those things which the Word of God forbids, or while neglecting any known duty . . .”

- 1 Selected Messages, p.395-396