“Saved by Christ”

If salvation depends upon our being or doing anything, we shall inevitably be lost. Thank God, it does not; for the great fundamental principle of the Gospel is that Christ is all; man is nothing. It is not a mixture of Christ and man — it is all of Christ. The peace of the Gospel does not rest in part on Christ’s work and in part on man’s work; it rests wholly on Christ’s work, because that work is perfect — perfect forever, and it renders all who put their trust in Him as perfect as Himself! Christ must either be a whole Saviour or no saviour at all. The moment a man says, “Except you be this or that, you cannot be saved,” he totally subverts the Gospel; for in the Gospel I find Christ coming down to me just as I am — a lost, guilty, self-destroyed sinner; and coming, moreover, with a full remission of all my sins, and a full salvation from my lost estate, all perfectly wrought by Himself on the cross.

—C. H. Mackintosh
Reconciliation

Reconciliation in the New Testament sense is not something which we accomplish when we lay aside our enmity to God; it is something which God accomplished, when in the death of Christ, He put away everything that on His side meant estrangement.

-- James Denney

Birthdays

Ashlyn Jones - Aug. 14th
Dennis Vanzandt - Aug. 17th

Hymns

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A Word to the Weak

Know for your comfort that the weakest believer is as nearly related to God, as a Father, as the strongest believer is. Every branch of a tree is not alike strong nor big, and yet the tenderest twig is united to the root. The weakest believer is clothed with the white raiment of Christ’s righteousness and is as much sanctified and justified thereby as the strongest. There is no condemnation to all who are in Christ. The weakest believer shall endure to the end. They are all kept by the power of God through faith to salvation. It is not he that believes strongly who shall be saved, but he that believes! “Lord, I believe; help Thou mine unbelief.”

—Ebenezer Erskine

When it comes to the Bible, there are two things we as believers should always consider when we are considering what to believe, think, say, and do:

First, that “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Second, that all Scripture concerns Christ – “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which TESTIFY OF ME.” (John 5:39)

Consider the following --

“The Holy Scripture is the only rule of faith and practice. The true Christian was intended by Christ to prove all things by the Word of God, all churches, all ministers, all teaching, all preaching, all doctrines, all sermons, all writings, all opinions, all practices. These are his marching orders. Prove all by the Word of God; measure all by the measure of the Bible; compare all with the standard of the Bible; weigh all in the balances of the Bible; examine all by the light of the Bible; test all in the crucible of the Bible. That which can abide the fire of the Bible, receive, hold, believe, and obey. That which cannot abide the fire of the Bible, reject, refuse, repudiate, and cast away.”

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**Call To Worship**

(Tune – I Will Arise and Go to Jesus)

Come, ye sinners, poor & needy, weak & wounded, sick & sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and power.

Come, ye thirsty, come, & welcome, God’s free bounty glorify;  
True belief & true repentance – every grace that brings you nigh.

Refrain:  
I will arise and go to Jesus,  
He will embrace me in His arms;  
In the arms of my dear Savior,  
O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;  
If you tarry till you’re better, you will never come at all.

View Him prostrate in the garden; on the ground your Maker lies.  
On the bloody tree behold Him; sinner, will this not suffice?

Refrain

Lo! th’incarnate God ascended, pleads the merit of His blood:  
Venture on Him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness He requireth is to see your need of Him.

Refrain

Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.  
My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. (Deuteronomy 32:1-3)

He who attempts to stress Christian living by disparaging Christian doctrine is guilty of a most serious blunder. He neglects the important fact that Christian living is rooted in Christian doctrine.

—Abraham Kuiper