

GLORYING ONLY IN THE CROSS

"God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ," Galatians 6:14

I cannot, and, God helping me, I will not, while the Lord gives me strength to open my poor mouth, but speak well of love in God and the Holy Spirit, for it was He that laid hold of me in my mad career of sin, put a cry into my heart to cry unto God, and stopped me from going about to establish a righteousness of my own. His invisible hand kept me from being my own murderer. He revealed in my heart pardoning blood and **IMPUTED RIGHTEOUSNESS**; and some scores of times, when the enemy has come into my poor soul with such a tremendous flood of awful blasphemies against the Holy Trinity, especially against the Holy Spirit, that I have been sunk so low that at times I could see no more hope that God would ever appear in love and mercy for me than He would appear for devils, He has, bless His dear Name, lifted up again a glorious standard, and brought me up again out the horrible pit, and set my feet again upon the Rock of ages.

JOHN WARBURTON

THE BELIEVER'S PERFECTION

I am most exceedingly distressed by my sins, and feel the need of Jesus' precious blood every hour! I need a supply from the Fountain! On that day "*a fountain will be opened*"..... a fountain to cleanse them from all their sins and defilement (Zech. 13:1). Feeling fully what I am in myself, and proving afresh that "*in my flesh dwells no good thing*," in this sad state I fly to Jesus as my only refuge! Oh that the depth of my sin and misery may be overcome by His rich grace, that with Mary I may weep at His dear feet, and love much, having much forgiven. While in the body we shall never be free from sin. I had been looking for something from and in my flesh **which the Word of God does not warrant me to expect.** "*That which is born of the flesh is flesh*" -- **and ever will be!** The believer's perfection is in Christ. Oh that He may condescend to teach me, and lead me to look straight out of self to a glorious Christ! "**And you are complete in Him**" (Col. 2:10)

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Call To Worship

God's mercy is for ever sure;
Eternal is His name;
As long as life and speech endure,
My tongue this truth proclaim.

I basely sinned against His love,
And yet my God was good;
His favor nothing could remove,
For I was bought with blood.

That precious blood has paid all sin,
And fully cleared from guilt;
It makes the foulest sinner clean,
For 'twas for sinners spilt.

He raised me from the lowest state,
When my just due was hell,
I broke His law, and, worse than that,
Disdained His Son as well.

My soul, thou hast, let come what will,
True righteousness in Him,
Let thy poor soul rest in Him still,
Who put away thy sin!

(Tune: "Amazing Grace", pg.236)

Remember In Prayer This Week:

Sallie Barfield; Judy Ward; Pam Austin; David Brown;
Cindy Brantly; Emily Dubose; Devonne Lewis; Dusty Adams;
Emily Gay; Lydia Headrick; Freida Womack

Upcoming Date To Remember:

Women's Fellowship Meal
and Bible Study
March 26th

Happy Birthday This Week:

Lynn Taylor - **TODAY**
Richard Warmack - **March 13**
Russell Barfield - **March 17**

Excerpt from William Mason's "Evening Thought"

"Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?" 2 Cor. 13:5.

Happy for ministers, when their mission from Christ is called in question, they can appeal to their people's hearts, to prove that Christ is spoken to them. Happy for Christians, to examine, prove, and know themselves, and to find Christ is in them. Ignorance of ourselves lies at the bottom of all error, and self deceit. Lord help us deeply to consider of this important question. (1st.) Know ye not your own selves? Come you are very ready to judge ministers, find fault with them, and call their gifts and graces in question. Look at home. Know yourselves. Be not puffed up. Consider yourselves. Be humble. Your hearts are deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked. Your nature is totally corrupt and abominable. In your flesh dwelleth no good thing. Its motions are, to bring forth fruit unto death. Its lustings are, continually unto sin. Know, there is no difference in your nature, from that of the most vile and abandoned sinner upon the face of the earth. If left to yourselves, there is not the most atrocious sin, but you might commit. There is not a hell in which others are eternally suffering for sin, but what you justly deserve, and would fall into. For your sinful nature is as reprobate, corrupt, and adulterate as others, even as the most vile. Yea, and your state is also by nature, as bad as others, even children of wrath. Know ye not your own selves? Has the Spirit of truth made you thus acquainted with yourselves? Be not afraid to see and know the very worst of yourselves. For. (2d.) "Know ye not that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?" Blessed distinction! In this the elect differ from the reprobate. The former have Christ in them. The latter reject Christ, and are without any true knowledge of him, faith in him, and love to him. What is implied in Christ being in us? (1st.) Dwelling in our hearts by faith. A clear knowledge of him, cordially receiving him, heartily believing on him, stedfastly cleaving to him, constantly abiding in him, steadily looking to him, as he is revealed in the word, the righteousness of sinners, the atonement for the guilty, justification for the ungodly, and the Saviour of the hopeless, helpless, and desperate. Therefore, (2d.) He is precious, as being suitable to us, in his glorious person, and his blessed offices. Hence our hearts go after him, our affections are placed on him, and it is the desire and delight of our souls, to honour, serve, and obey him. Thus self knowledge, and the knowledge of Christ, are the very criterion of salvation. O that we may sink into the depths of the deepest humility by the one, and rise into the heights of the highest comfort, peace and joy by the other. So shall we prove, that we have true Christian experience of the love and grace of Christ.