

"If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (Ps.11:3)

The foundations of our trust are firm, and never can be moved. We have received a kingdom that cannot be shaken. What is the strong foundation of our trust? It is Christ. It is His glorious person, His deity and manhood indissolubly joined, His everlasting love, His finished work, His precious blood, His expiating death, His all-atoning cross, His resurrection-might, His rule at the right hand, His never-ceasing intercession, His well-ordered providence, His coming kingdom, His eternal reign. How blessed, how encouraging, are these truths! Not one can be opposed, not one can disappoint. We may rest all our weight on them. They cannot sink. If any flaw could be discerned, if any weak part showed insecurity, we might indeed despond. But building on this solid base, we may indeed reject all taunts. We have a strong city. God has appointed Salvation for walls and bulwarks.

Henry Law

Excerpt from "The Tree Of Life"

Remember the words of Jesus- *"If I wash you not, you have no part with Me."* No part with Christ in His obedience and sufferings, no part with Him in His great salvation, no part with Him in the glory into which He has entered, no part with Him when He shall come in all the majesty and triumph of His kingdom, unless we are washed in His blood *"If I wash you not, you have no part with Me."* My reader, are you washed in this blood? Have you bathed in this fountain? Has it cleansed you from all sin? Remember, it is the blood that gives you union with Christ, He cannot unite Himself with a soul which He has not first washed. He can have no union with uncleansed, unpardoned sin.

Washed in the fountain of His blood, you have a part with Christ in His sufferings now, and will have a part in the glory of His second Coming. Oh the purification this blood of Christ imparts, the peace it speaks, the confidence it inspires, the hope, the blessed, hope, it reveals to faith's eye! Who enlightened by the Spirit, with such a sovereign remedy for sin, with such an effectual balsam for the wounded conscience, with a truth so heaven-assuring, would toil and labor and strive to work a salvation of his own? Away with your own works, lay down your deadly doings, cast overboard your oars, wash and be cleansed, believe be saved!

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Call To Worship

HOW VAST THE BENEFITS DIVINE

How vast the benefits divine, which we in Christ possess!
We are redeemed from guilt and shame, and called to holiness.
But not for works which we have done, or shall hereafter do,
Hath God decreed on sinful men, salvation to bestow.

The glory Lord, from first to last, is due to Thee alone;
Aught to ourselves we dare not take, or rob Thee of Thy crown.
Our glorious Sure'ty undertook to satisfy for man,
And grace was given us in Him before the world began.

This is Thy will, that in Thy love we ever should abide;
That earth and hell should not prevail to turn Thy word aside.
Not one of all the chosen race but shall to heav'n attain,
Partake on earth the purposed grace and then with Jesus reign.

(Augustus Montague Toplady)

(Tune: "My Faith Has Found A Resting Place" pg. 228)

Remember In Prayer This Week:

Judy Ward; Mac Ward; Noble Jones; David Brown; Kihei Brown;
Cindy Brantly; Emily Dubose; Devonne Lewis;
Dusty Adams; Emily Gay; Lydia Headrick

Happy Birthday This Week:

Kim Warmack - April 20
Jeremy Warmack - April 21

"Husks Which The Swine Eat" by J.C.Philpot

All forms, opinions, rites, ceremonies and notions to me are nothing—and worse than nothing. They are the husks which the swine eat—not the food of the living soul. To have the heart deeply penetrated with the fear of Jehovah—to be melted and filled with a sweet sense of Jesus' dying love—to have the affections warmed and drawn forth under the anointings of the Eternal Comforter—this is the only religion that can suit and satisfy a regenerate soul!

“The Significance of the Resurrection”

Every person understands that today is labeled by religion as “Resurrection Sunday” or Easter. All of them can state the historical facts that define the importance of this holiday to their religion. They can tell you that Christ came into this world at Bethlehem, lived for 33 1/3 years, died on “Good Friday”, and then rose again from the dead on Easter Sunday. But the question which demands an answer is: Do you understand the significance of all these events, especially the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ? One thing is certain: Every justified, regenerate sinner understands and deeply appreciates the significance of these events, especially the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ—*“Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the Gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; **BY WHICH ALSO YE ARE SAVED**, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that He was buried, and **that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.**”*(I Cor.15:1-4) The eternal justification of all God’s elect was obtained by the **ONE TIME ACT** of Christ offering Himself at Calvary to satisfy God’s law and justice for them **ONLY**—“By the which will we are sanctified (declared legally righteous) through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ **ONCE.**”(Heb.10:10) This is much more than a historical fact to a believer. This is our hope, i.e., our confident expectation of receiving that which was promised to us by our Heavenly Father.

The Apostle Paul declared the significance of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ in I Corinthians 15:13-14: *“But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and **your faith is also vain.***(I Cor.15:13,14) Paul also wrote: *“Who was delivered for (because of) our offences, and was raised again for (because of) **our justification.**”*(Rom.4:25) Paul wasn’t telling us that Christ’s resurrection obtained our justification. He clearly taught in the first part of this verse that Christ’s perfect life of obedience to God’s law and justice and His death as the substitute of all God’s elect **OBTAINED** their justification—*“He was delivered for our offences.”* His resurrection is proof positive that every person for whom Christ lived and died were justified, i.e., declared legally righteous, at Calvary. If Christ didn’t actually obtain the salvation of all those God the Father gave to Him in the everlasting covenant of Grace, God the Father would have never raised Him from the dead. Justified sinners don’t just think of this glorious truth twice a year, i.e., Christmas and Easter, but they live with an ever present awareness that all their salvation rests **SOLELY** on Christ and His perfect work **ALONE.**

Bro.Richard

