

UNCONDITIONAL REDEMPTION

The notion that the death of Christ is **conditionally sufficient** for all mankind, that is, if all mankind were to believe in it, leads the sinner at once to the performance of some duty which he imagines will give efficacy to the death of Christ, and render it available to him. By this means he is led to draw comfort from his duties, instead of the finished salvation of Christ. This error is the fruitful cause of the disquieting fears and legal bondage of many professors. They are constantly in fear lest they have not performed the requisite condition, and, after much toiling, their uneasy spirits are as far from rest as ever and again they utter the old complaint, "What lack I yet?" They have no notion that the work of Christ alone, made manifest to the heart by the Holy Spirit, is sufficient to give joy unspeakable, without the performance of some duty on their part; and therefore they are in constant perplexity lest this important duty should not have been performed

WILLIAM RUSHTON, 1831

Excerpts from "Honey Out Of The Rock" by **Thomas Wilcox**

"Consider, the greatest sins may be hid under the greatest duties, and the greatest terrors. See that the wound that sin has made in your soul be perfectly cured by the blood of Christ! not skinned over with duties, humblings and enlargements. Apply what you will besides the blood of Christ, it will poison the sore. You will find that sin was never mortified truly, if you have not seen Christ bleeding for you upon the cross. Nothing can kill it, but beholding Christ's righteousness."

"That Christ which natural free-will can apprehend, is but a natural Christ of a man's own making, not the Father's Christ, nor Jesus the Son of the living God, to whom none can come without the Father's drawing" (**John 6:44**).

"None but the self-justified stands excluded from the gospel, because to such an one Christ cannot be made justification: he is no sinner. "

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Call To Worship

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress,
'Midst flaming worlds, in these array'd,
With joy shall I lift up my head.

Bold shall I stand in Thy great day,
For who aught to my charge shall lay?
Fully absolved through these I am,
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
E'en then this shall be all my plea--
Jesus hath lived, hath died for me.

Thou God of power, Thou God of love,
Let the whole world Thy mercy prove;
Now let Thy word o'er all prevail;
Now take the spoils of death and hell.

(Tune: "Doxology")

Remember In Prayer This Week:

Tyler Wheeler; Judy Ward; Cathy Cobb; Cindy Brantly;
Emily Dubose; Devonne Lewis; Dusty Adams;
Emily Gay; Lydia Headrick; Phylis Payne

Happy Birthday This Week:

A.J.Ward - Feb.15th

Mark Your Calendars

Women's Bible Study and Fellowship Meal
Feb.26th

Seeking God's Lost Sheep

One of the greatest privileges and responsibilities I enjoy as a justified sinner is to get to tell lost sinners of the full, free, eternal salvation worked out for **EVERY ELECT SINNER** (those sinners chosen before the foundation of the world by God the Father in the everlasting covenant of grace). This salvation is through the perfect life and substitutionary death of the elect sinner's Mediator, the Lord Jesus Christ at Calvary-"*My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And He (Christ) is the propitiation (satisfaction by way of fulfilling God's law and justice) for our (elect Jews) sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world (every chosen sinner from the Gentile nations).*" (I Jn.2:1,2) What better news could be proclaimed to guilty, struggling, lost sinners than those words from our blessed Lord's lips on Calvary: "**IT IS FINISHED** (justification; satisfaction; reconciliation; SALVATION)" (Jn.19:30). I get to tell lost sinners there is absolutely **NOTHING** left for them to do in order to save themselves, keep themselves saved, or even recommend themselves to God. Christ satisfied **EVERY CONDITION** required by God's holy law and His infinite justice for **EVERY SINNER** He represented by bearing their (*the elect's*) sins in His body-"*Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were (at Calvary)healed.*"(I Pet.2:24). Like most of you, all my life I was told "pick up your cross and carry it". I was told I had to "walk the straight and narrow", and if I held out to the end, I'd be saved. You don't find salvation and justification ever described in those terms anywhere in God's Word. The Lord Jesus Christ Himself said: "*Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find **REST** unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*"(Matt.11:28-30) Do you see any call to cross bearing, straightening up, or holding out in order to be saved? I only see a Savior who knows our condition promising **REST** to those for whom He died. He didn't say, "If you'll do this, I'll do that". He didn't even say anything about believing being a condition of salvation. Matter of fact, all He said was "**COME UNTO ME.**" Not come to the church; not come to the preacher; not come to a profession; not come to a new way of life. Simply come to Him! We call on sinners to rest in Christ's imputed righteousness alone as their **ONLY** hope of salvation, and I can promise you based on God's testimony, **ANY SINNER**, no matter what their condition, who rests on Him alone will never be ashamed-**See Rom.10:11.**

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