

The Wednesday Word, Feb. 15, 2012: The Sinless Saviour

I John 3:5 describes Jesus by saying, “in Him is no sin.” In I Peter 2:22 we read of Jesus that, “He did no sin.” Then, Hebrews 4:15 declares – “He was without sin” while Hebrews 7:26 affirms, “He was holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners.”

In addition, 2 Corinthians 5:21 tells us that “He knew no sin.” Notice this verse does not merely say that He did no sin, but that He knew no sin. He may have been acquainted with grief, but He had no acquaintance with sin.

The Christ whom we love and serve is the Christ of the Scriptures --no other Christ will do! And the Scriptures tell us that the Son of God was absolutely sinless. The Word says it, that settles it. If we believe it, that settles us.

Furthermore, Christ taught the message of His own sinlessness. In John 14:30 He declared, “The prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in Me.” There was no sin which the Devil could accuse Him of.

The demons testified that He was sinless. They confirmed Christ’s claim! In Luke 4:34 they came into His presence and said, “We know Thee, who Thou art, the Holy One of God.” Even the pit of darkness had to testify to the sinlessness of Christ!

Pontius Pilate testified that Christ was sinless. What did Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor who tried Jesus think about Christ? Three times, in John 18:3; John 19:4 and John 19:6 he said, “I, Pontius Pilate, representative of the Roman Empire, find no fault in Him.”

Pilate’s wife testified of Christ’s sinlessness. Listen to her in Matthew 27:19 as she sends a message to her husband – “Have nothing to do with that just Man.” She testified to His sinlessness!

Judas Iscariot testified of Christ’s sinlessness. What did Judas, that devil-inspired traitor, think of the character and person of Christ? Listen to him as remorse grips his soul and he hurls the filthy silver pieces at the feet of the hypocritical Chief Priests he says, “I have betrayed innocent blood!”

The thief on the cross believed that Christ was sinless. Listen to him in Luke 23:41, “Dost thou not fear God seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly: for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man hath done nothing amiss.”

So here’s the record so far

- 1 Jesus declared His own sinlessness
- 2 The devil declared Christ’s sinlessness
- 3 Pilate declared Christ’s sinlessness
- 4 Pilate’s wife declared Christ’s sinlessness
- 5 Judas Iscariot declared Christ’s sinlessness
- 6 The dying thief declared Christ’s sinlessness

However, the seventh witness to His sinlessness was the witness of the Father. Twice He spoke

from heaven declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son in whom He was well pleased(Matt 4:17, 17:5).

Both enemies and friends declared the absolute sinlessness of the Son of Man! There is no charge that can be made against Him. He was the sinless, spotless, Lamb of God! The best of Christians will readily confess to having fallen short of the glory of God, but Christ, though he was meek and lowly in heart, never admitted to any sin or failure for He had none! In Him was resident the fullness of the Godhead bodily and by Him we see a full disclosure of the sinless beauty of holiness.

Now here's the point, if He had been a sinner, He could not have become the Sin-Bearer! A sinner could not have become the substitute and surety for other sinners. Which brings us to Calvary. What happened at Calvary was the most stupendous event in the entire universe! God laid on Him, the Holy One, the Sinless One, every sin His people had and would ever commit! Jesus Christ, Himself, hung in the midst of all the divine thunders, suffering our punishment, yet not a drop of sin ever stained him. Although entirely treated and reckoned as one, although suffering as one, He was never personally a guilty, sinful man.

And that's the Gospel Truth!