

### **Wednesday Word, January 27, 2016: Christ Alone**

The best thing that can happen to any of us is to become convinced that there is nothing we can do to save ourselves.

Apart from the mercy of Jesus Christ, we are utterly and helplessly lost. There is no saving merit in anything that we can do or feel. In ourselves, we have nothing to recommend us to God.

Let me ask you, have you become convinced that Christ alone is your Saviour? Have you been persuaded that you cannot save yourself? Have you seen that the Lord needs no assistance from anyone to give you eternal life? Have you seen that from first to last, Christ alone is your hope?

I am so thankful for the Holy Spirit. One aspect of the Spirit's work is to destroy all the vestiges of self-righteousness we harbour in our hearts (John 16:8). Self-Righteousness, that great, stubborn rebel against God, must be rooted out. The Holy Spirit continually brings us to a place where we see and confess that we are nothing and Christ is everything.

Someone says, 'I've been reading about all those deep convictions that people used to get during the revivals of yesteryear. If I could experience those, then I'd be sure that I was saved.' But, wait a minute, that is just another way of you bringing something to Christ in exchange for salvation. That is self-righteousness. It is a lack of trust in Christ alone as your only qualification for eternity.

"But I want to feel something," says someone else.

Christ Jesus doesn't want you to bring your feelings to Him. Feelings are no part of Salvation. We are to trust in Christ alone, not in feelings.

Feelings come and feelings go  
And feelings are deceiving  
My warrant is the Word of God  
Naught else is worth believing.

Though all my heart should feel condemned  
For want of some sweet token,  
There is One greater than my heart  
Whose Word cannot be broken.

I'll trust in God's unchanging Word  
Till soul and body sever,  
For, though all things shall pass away,  
HIS WORD SHALL STAND FOREVER!"  
Martin Luther

"But I feel so spiritually unfit."

Do you not know that the only fitness you have before Him is the fitness of being unfit?

"Oh, but I am so entirely unworthy."

Do you think Jesus came to save the worthy? Do you ever expect to have any worthiness in yourself? Jesus saves “the ungodly” (Rom 5:6-8). Jesus came into the world to save sinners, not worthy people (1 Timothy 1:15). Spurgeon said it like this; “It is our badness, not our goodness, which drew Christ to us as a Saviour.”

‘With Pitying eye the Prince of Peace  
Beheld our helpless grief;  
He saw, and, O amazing love!  
He ran to our relief.’

Isaac Watts.

Christ didn’t die because we were good. He died for us because we were sinful wretches. We had nothing whatsoever in ourselves that could recommend us. ...and still don’t. Yet the Young Prince of Glory came from Heaven to save us. What do you think you can add to that? Is there anything with which you would care to supplement His finished work?

Be advised, don’t try to show Christ how worthy you are to be saved. He’s unimpressed. Our righteousness is sin but His righteousness is salvation. We are nothing; Christ alone is everything!

And that’s the Gospel Truth!