

The Wednesday Word, June 8, 2016: Is It Enough to Be His?

“My beloved is mine and I am His” (Song of Songs 2:16). What a verse! What a truth. ‘We are His!’ Just to know that He is mine doesn’t do it for me. Why not? Because I am in the habit of losing things that are mine. But Jesus has never lost anything that is His. We are His! We are safe.

But how did we become His?

We became His because He created us (John 1:3). We are His because the Father gave us to Him as a gift (John 6:37). We are His because He bought us (1 Peter 1:18). We are His because He found us (Luke 19:10). We are His because He conquered us (Colossians 2:13). We are His, not because of our performance, but because of His grace (Ephesians 2:8).

Our sufficiency is in Christ alone! He is enough? Poor old Job would have utterly fainted had he not believed that He belonged to the all-sufficient Lord. There was once a time when Job could talk about everything that he had. He could boast about his, health, wealth and children, but there came a time when, suddenly, they were all gone. He had nothing left but the Word of the Lord and the Lord of the Word. He had lost everything, but still could say, "I know that my Redeemer liveth" (Job 19:25).

Is Jesus enough for us? We have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins (Ephesians 1:7). Is that enough? We have His precious promises (2 Peter 1:4). Are they enough? He has promised, "Come unto me and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Is His rest enough? What more can He do than that which He has done? Is there something else we want to add to Him to find fulfillment?

We are His! What a beautiful truth! When we stumble and fall, we are His. In those situations, we actually collapse into His embrace for, "underneath are the everlasting arms" (Deuteronomy 33:27). His arms are almighty, they catch, hold, strengthen and restore us. He is our source, safety and salvation. He is enough!

When we fall, the everlasting arms catch us. And, it is in that fall that we realize, were it not for His grace, our destiny would be Hell and destruction. We apprehend that, in spite of our new life as Christians, we remain, at best, sinners saved by grace.

So, let me get personal and ask, have you fallen? Have you fallen badly? Does that mean then you are now finished as a believer? Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has He turned His back on you? No! You have fallen into His everlasting arms! Let Him teach you, therefore, the horror of your sins, let Him show you your nothingness; let Him strengthen you and demonstrate the power of His might. Don't be dismayed under the sense of our own vileness and insufficiency. You are in His arms now! You are His! He will restore you and make you stand.

Perhaps you are struggling with the wretchedness of sin right this second! Look up and see, Jesus sitting majestically, robed in love, upon a throne of Grace. He is your King! Look again and see that He is your advocate who pleads your cause. Look again and see those the everlasting arms of sovereign power.

What authority then can snatch us out of those arms? What force can undo our reconciliation? What power can unfasten our redemption? What foul spirit can defy the Holy Spirit? "The eternal God is our refuge." He has surrounded us with His grace, love, might and power. Is this enough for us? May we purpose today to walk into freedom, thankfulness and joy. Jesus is enough!

And that's the Gospel Truth!