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CHARLES SPURGEON'S CONVERSION

Spurgeon relates the following account of how he became a Christian: "I sometimes think I might have been in darkness and despair until now had it not been for the goodness of God in sending a snowstorm, one Sunday morning, while I was going to a certain place of worship. When I could go no further, I turned down a side street and came to a little Primitive Methodist Chapel.

"In that chapel there may have been a dozen or fourteen people...The minister did not come that morning. He was snowed in, I suppose. At last, a very thin-looking man, a shoemaker, or tailor, or something of that sort, went up into the pulpit to preach...His text was, 'Look unto me, and be you saved, all the ends of the earth.' When he had managed to spin out ten minutes or so, he was at the end of his tether.

"Then he looked at me under the gallery, and I daresay, with so few present, he knew me to be a stranger. Just fixing his eyes on me, as if he knew all my heart, he said, 'Young man, you look miserable.' Well, I did, but I had not been accustomed to have remarks made from the pulpit on my personal appearance before. However, it was a good blow, struck right home...Then lifting up his hand, he shouted, 'Young man, look to Jesus Christ. Look! Look! Look! You have nothing to do but look and live!'

"I saw at once the way of salvation...I looked until I could almost have looked my eyes away...My spirit saw its chains broken to pieces! I felt that I was an emancipated soul, an heir of Heaven, a forgiven one, accepted in Christ Jesus...I had passed from darkness into marvelous light, from death to life. Simply by looking to Jesus, I had been delivered from despair and I was brought into such a joyous state of mind that, now I can say—

***'Ever since by faith I saw the stream
Your wounds supplied for me,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall forever be.'***

And yet, the manifestation of Divine Grace on this never-to-be-forgotten day in the life of C. H. Spurgeon, was not yet complete! No, truly there was more to follow. From glory unto glory were dim leadings of his soul on that memorable Sabbath. In the morning, at the humble Primitive Methodist chapel, he found salvation to the joy of his soul! He possessed the assurance that was realized by a knowledge that there is "life in a look at the Crucified One." But the joy was not yet complete. The experience of full liberty and perfect freedom had yet to be known to be enjoyed.

Says Spurgeon, "In the text, 'Look, look, look,' I found salvation in the morning. In the text, 'Accepted in the Beloved,' preached at the Baptist church in the evening, I found peace and freedom. Yes—

***'It is done, the mighty deed is done,
And from the Father's glorious throne,
The silver trumpet now proclaims,
In sweet, melodious, strains,
A pardon free through Christ the
Savior's bleeding veins.'***

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# FREE WILL VS. FREE GRACE

By C.H. Spurgeon

Unrenewed human nature is a soil in which love to God will not grow. There must be a taking away of the rock and a *supernatural* change of the barren ground into good soil. And then, as a rare plant from another land, love must be planted in our hearts and sustained by Divine power or else it never will be found there. There is no love to God in this world that is of the right kind except that which was created and formed by the love of God in the soul! Put the two Truths of God together—that the love of God is *first*, and that the love of God is the *cause* of our love—and I think you will be inclined, from now on, to be Believers in what are commonly called the Doctrines of Grace.

To me it is very wonderful that they are not received by all Churches because they are practically acknowledged by all Christians on their knees. They may preach as they like, but they all pray according to the Doctrines of Grace and those doctrines are so consistent with the Christian's experience that it is notable that the older a Believer becomes, and the more deeply he searches into Divine Truths, the more inclined he is to give the whole of the praise of his salvation to the Grace of God—and to believe in those precious Truths which magnify, not the free will of man, but the free Grace of the Ever Blessed. I need no better statement of my own doctrinal belief than this, "We love Him, because He first loved us."

I know it has been said that He loved us on the foresight of our faith and love and holiness. Of course the Lord had a clear foresight of all these—but remember that He had also the foresight of our need of love, and our need of faith, and our wandering, and our sins! And surely His foresight in one direction must be supposed to operate as well as His foresight in the other direction. Remember, also, that God Himself did not foresee that there would be any love to Him in us arising out of ourselves, for there never has been any and there never will be! He only foresaw that we should believe because He gave us faith. He foresaw that we would repent because His Spirit would work repentance in us. He foresaw that we should love because He worked that love within us.

Is there *anything* in the foresight that He means to give us such things that can account for His giving us such things? The case is self-evident—His foresight of what He means to do cannot be His reason for doing it. His own eternal purpose has made the gracious difference between the saved and those who willfully perish in sin. Let us give all the glory to His holy name, for to Him all the glory belongs. His preventing Grace must have all the honor.

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**“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus  
for good works, which God prepared beforehand  
that we should walk in them.”**

**Ephesians 2:10**

**“No temptation has overtaken you except such is common to men;  
but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted  
beyond what you are able, but with the temptation  
will also make the way to escape,  
that you may be able to bear it.”**

**1 Corinthians 10:13**

**Jesus Christ is the ONLY way to God the Father!  
Not Mary. Not Mohammed. Not a future Messiah.  
Jesus Christ is the ONLY way.**

**(John 14:6)**

**“Therefore He (Jesus Christ) is also able to save to the  
uttermost those who come to God through Him,  
since He always lives to make intercession for them.”**

**Hebrews 7:25**