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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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# HOW'S YOUR MEMORY?

By C.H. Spurgeon

Take care that if your memory is weak, you praise God while the mercy is newly born in your mind. Frequently it will help memory much to *set apart a little time for meditation*. A godly man and his wife were accustomed to take half-an-hour on Saturday evening to go over the mercies of the week—this is a good example.

But, says one, “I could not spare so much time.” No, no, I do not suppose you could, but you spare hours to grumble over the *miseries* of the week! Oh, yes, we talk freely, when we get together, about our pains and our losses and about the bad times. They are very bad now, are they not? And you have all talked about them seven days a week for many a long week together. You have said 50 times, “I never saw such a season, there is no business, there is nothing stirring—there never was such stagnation.”

Now, as we all know all about that and are pretty well agreed that it is true, could we now go on to something else, and could not the time which we waste in talking about our troubles be spent in meditating on our mercies?

See if you cannot spare half-an-hour with your wife for such an exercise as I have mentioned and I believe that you would never spend 30 minutes more happily and profitably. Say, “Come, Wife, and help me. Help my memory and I will help yours. Let us remember what God has done for us this week.” Then go over your own story and listen to her pleasant annotations.

I do not hesitate to say that my life story is as full of mercy as a honeycomb is full of sweetness when it drips with honey! How God has treated *you*, I do not know, but He has indulged me with such love that if He will only let me get into a corner in Heaven and praise Him to all eternity, I will scarcely ask Him for anything else but the opportunity to adore Him.

I mean to bless Him whatever comes to me—I cannot help it! I have been so favored of Providence and Grace that if I were crushed into mortar, I think every little bit and fragment of me would bless and praise His holy name, “for He is good and His mercy endures forever.”

This is my advice, then, and I have not given it without having tried it myself—often meditate on what the Lord has done and that will help your memory.

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**PRAY THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL USE THIS SERMON
TO BRING MANY
TO A SAVING KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS CHRIST.**

**“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