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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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# And Now, by God's Grace, You Believe! So What Are You Going to Do about Baptism?

By C.H. Spurgeon

Some sinners say they hate sin. Not at all! Sin in its essence is pleasing enough—it is only a glaring shape of it which they dislike. Heedlessness indicates that self is not subdued. You say that you have given up a certain sin, but you will not attend to such-and-such a command of Christ—what does this prove? Why, that the great *I* is still predominating! Self is never subdued unless it is subdued in all matters. Unless I can say, “Lord, I delight to do *all* Your will, and I long to be thoroughly conformed to it in all respects,” self is not subdued. That is a proud spirit which says, “I shall do this but not that.”

A servant is not to pick and choose as to his duties—he becomes the *master* then—he has arrogated to himself a position to which he has no right if he makes any selection whatever in what his master bids him do. Self is unhumiliated and the soul is unrenewed, however high the pretensions, unless the man is willing to *submit* to Christ in *everything*.

Again, your faith is not a *living* faith. We are saved by faith in Christ, and not by our works, but if, my dear Friend, you can harbor and pamper any one sin, and delight in it, you have not the faith of God's elect. If, my Brother, there is some known command of God against which you set yourself and say, “Though I know it to be the command of Christ, yet I shall not obey it,” you are not acting consistently with the obedience of faith—for Faith must *obey* her Master's will as well as trust His Grace.

I know that what I am saying is not very pleasant to certain of you—but we are not sent to preach pleasant things to you—we are to deliver the healthful Truth of God. I pray it may be sanctified to my own soul and to yours, also. You do not wish to be deceived, any of you. I am sure the most earnest Christian here is the man who is most willing to search himself. Better for us to have our eyes opened here than to go dreaming on and find out our mistake in Hell.

The Lord give us never to be afraid of a cutting Truth of God nor a cutting sermon—but rather to invite a heart-searching minister to deal faithfully with us! Beloved, I pray you to remember your spirit cannot have been humbled, and your faith cannot be a living faith if it makes exceptions with regard to the Master's will and kicks at this or that! You do really, in fact, rebel against God Himself when you rebel against His will.

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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