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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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# GRACE AND SALVATION

By C.H. Spurgeon

Men are brought to God by the effectual power of Divine Grace, but Grace never violates, though it subdues, the human will. They make a great mistake who think that God treats men as if they were logs—God knows they are *not* logs, and never treats them so. He has made them in His own image, to be free, intelligent agents and He acts upon them as free agents. It is difficult for some men to understand how Grace can be effectual and almighty, and yet man can still be a free agent. Now, if persons cannot see this, we are not bound to give them understandings, but the two things are consistent enough—prejudice creates the difficulty—and there is none, really.

A man may be free enough, and yet he may be so overwhelmingly persuaded to a certain course that he cannot do otherwise. Such moral power does not at all interfere with true liberty. If we taught that men were saved against their wills and that physical force was put upon them to make them Christians, we should deserve to be denounced as talking nonsense, or worse! But the power which we speak of is *moral, spiritual*, persuasive, and operates in strict accordance with the usual laws of mind. The Grace of God does no violence to the will but sweetly overcomes its obstinacy, making it a willing captive. The force that we speak of at any time when we speak of the power of Divine Grace, must be understood by you all to be a force in consistency with the original constitution of manhood. And evermore, although our Lord works upon men according to His own will, yet He always so works upon them as thinking, judging, willing men, and not as substances which are to be hammered, broken, or twisted by brute force.

My Readers, you must not expect that you will be lugged into Heaven by the ears, or whirled into salvation by the hair of your heads! If you are ever saved, the *heart* must be changed, and your whole being must freely consent to the rule of Grace. If you are ever born again, you will be made willing in the day of God's power. His Grace will come to you to remove your prejudices, to overcome your obstinacy, and to make you willingly obedient to the Divine sway. How anxiously I wish that you had such a will this morning! May the Lord bow your will by the Divine power of His love, and may you say today, "Lord, I will to be saved. I am willing to renounce sin and lay hold on eternal life." You shall never find God's will behind yours. Where He *gives* a willing mind, think it to be the indication of His own merciful willingness! When Grace has brought you to be *willing* to accept Christ, then be not afraid, but believe at once!

Are you willing, dear Reader, to receive Christ? Are you this day content to take Him and hold Him to be your All in All? Then there is no difficulty in the way—you may have Him—His own power is working with you, making you willing, and the invitation is, "Whoever will, let him take of the water of life freely."

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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