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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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# Poor Soul, Do You Really Look Forward to “Purgatory”?

By C.H. Spurgeon

There are those in the world who will not have the yoke of Jesus Christ in the matter of religion—they prefer another. For instance, there are superstitious persons who are not satisfied with the Bible—they need *tradition*. They are not content with the teaching of the ancient Church of Jesus Christ as we find it in the Acts of the Apostles—they hanker after those modern upstart churches that call themselves Catholic and Apostolic—and amuse themselves by raking up the grotesque fashions of the Middle Ages.

What is the consequence? Do these perverts, who cast off the yoke of the true religion, get an easier yoke? Ask them. Their penances and their mortifications—their fast days and their festivals—their communions and their celebrations—oh, what do they get for them all? Is there one of them who can say he is *saved*? It is one of their cardinal doctrines that *no man can know he is saved*, so that the only position they get in this life is to slave on with a dim hope and to die with a grim rite! And, according to one faith, when they die they go—even if they were the only perfect man in the church—they go to “purgatory!” Ah, cheerless prospect! If I were a Roman Catholic, I would turn into a heretic in sheer desperation because I would rather go to Heaven than go to “purgatory!”

Who among you would slave his life away in voluntary humiliations, buoyed up with the cheering faith of purgatorial fires as the goal of your days? Where is the gain of it? And there is no church under Heaven, except the true Church of Jesus Christ, that says to men, “Believe, and live. Lay hold on Jesus Christ and you are saved.” We present to you, in Jesus Christ’s name, the greatest gift beneath the sky—and other churches dare not pretend to offer it! They will only tell you that you *may* get into a state in which you *may* be saved, *perhaps*, but they do not know for sure. It may be you shall fall away and perish, after all, but as to an absolute *certain* salvation in perpetuity, received by an act of faith, they know not what it is! They put upon a yoke of iron most grievous to their necks!

And look at the self-righteous men and women who try to work their own way to Heaven. The Pharisees of old—what a slavery their life is! Any man who is seeking to be saved by his good works makes himself a slave. He must know in his conscience that his good works are imperfect and, therefore, he has no title, no sure, clear title to Heaven! Only the man who takes Jesus Christ to be his Wisdom, his Righteousness, his Justification, his Redemption, his All in All—knows that he is saved! And he that gets Jesus Christ has all! He has his sins punished in his Savior. He has had the Law fulfilled by his Savior and he is thus saved. Those who will not have Jesus Christ, put upon their necks a horrible yoke! Oh, beware of superstition! Beware of self-righteousness! These are iron yokes, indeed!

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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