



# A WORTHY THEME FOR THOUGHT

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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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# A WORD TO THE AGED CHRISTIAN

By C. H. Spurgeon

For my part, I think that the aged Christian is better employed in looking after the lambs of the flock and trying to carry them in their bosoms. Talk cheerily to the young and anxious enquirer. Lovingly try to remove stumbling blocks out of his way. When you find a spark of Divine Grace in the heart, kneel down and blow it into a flame. Leave the young Believer to discover the roughness of the road by degrees. Tell him of the strength which dwells in God, of the sureness of the promise, of the delightfulness of fellowship with Jesus, of the charms of communion with Christ. Entice the young Christian on as good mothers teach their children to walk by holding out here a sweet, and there some tempting thing, that they may put their trembling feet one after the other and at last know how to walk.

I would that every Church had many of these aged Brothers and Sisters, fathers and mothers in Israel, who take this for their motto whenever they see a young Christian—"Encourage him." I know of nothing more inspiring than to hear the experience of a gray-headed saint. I have found much spiritual comfort in sitting at the feet of my venerable grandfather, more than eighty years of age. The last time I saw him, I said to him, "I suppose you have had many trials, Grandfather?" He said, "I have not had too many and the most of what I have had, I have made myself."

"And do you think that God will ever leave His people?" I asked. "No," he said, "for if He would leave one of them, He would have left me. But He is a faithful God, and I have proved Him, for I have known His love more than seventy years, and yet He has been faithful to me. Not one good thing has failed of all that the Lord God has promised."

Why, it comes home to the hearts of us young people and makes us feel that we have found something which it is safe to depend upon when those who have gone through the valley can bear such a word of testimony as this!

Do not let a word of peevishness come out of your mouth, my aged Brothers and Sisters. Let no syllable of complaining ever escape you. Let your mouth be filled with your Lord's praises and with His honor all the day and so you will encourage others.

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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**