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FOR
HIS VINEYARD

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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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# “BRIDEGROOM OF OUR HEARTS, SAY WHAT YOU WILL AND WE WILL OBEY YOU!”

By CH Spurgeon

*“If you love Me, keep My commandments.”*

*John 14:15.*

Listen, my Brothers and Sisters—if you love your Savior, keep His commandments! This is all you have to do and a great, all, too. Among the rest, you may come and be baptized while you are thus earnest to praise your Lord. “If you love Me, keep My commandments.” There is the answer to every rapturous enquiry! Jesus is more glorified by a consistent *obedience* to His commands than by the most extravagant zeal that we can possibly display in what is only will-worship because He has never commanded it. If you wish to break the alabaster box and fill the house with sweet perfume. If you wish to crown His head with rarest gems, the method is before you—“Keep My commandments.” You cannot do your Lord so great a favor, or, in the long run, bring to Him so real an honor, as by a complete, continual, hearty obedience to every one of His commandments!

Our Savior knew, when He bade us try this test, “If you love Me, keep My commandments,” that *it would prepare us for honoring and glorifying Him in many other ways*. Read the context—“If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever.” You can greatly glorify Christ if you are filled with the Holy Spirit. But you cannot be filled with the Holy Spirit if you do not keep Christ’s commandments! The Spirit of God as a Comforter will come only to those to whom He comes as a Sanctifier. By making us holy, He will qualify us for being useful. The Savior says, “If you love Me, keep My commandments,” because we shall then obtain that Divine Gift by which we can glorify His name! If there is any service which your love would aspire to, obedience to your Lord is the way to it.

But, indeed, I need not stand here and argue. When a friend is dying and he asks you to prove your love by such-and-such a deed, he may ask what he wills—you give him *carte blanche*. It may be the simplest thing or the hardest thing, but if he will prescribe it as a test of love, you will not tell him no. If your wife should say to you, “You are going to journey far from me and I shall not see you again for many days. I beg you, therefore, to carry my portrait within your watch-case,” you would not fail to do so. It would be a simple thing, but it would be sacred to you. Baptism and the Lord’s Supper will never be slighted by those whose hearts are fully possessed with love to Jesus! They may seem trifles, but if the Lord Jesus commands them, they cannot be neglected! To leave off your wedding ring might be no great crime and yet no loving wife would do it. Even so, none who regard outward ordinances as love tokens will think of neglecting them. Ours is not to ask for reasons. Ours is not to dispute about whether the deed is essential or non-essential. Ours is to obey right lovingly! Bridegroom of our hearts, say what You will and we will obey You! If only You will smile and strengthen us, nothing shall be impossible if great, nothing trifling if small

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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