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Is it not good news for *sinner*s to be told that God, against whom they have sinned, has Himself provided a remedy for their case—a remedy that avails—the *only* remedy that *can* avail? Now, all men are sinners; all, without exception, are sinners, as the Word of God says, “*All have sinned;*” and again, “There is none righteous, no, not one.” This is God’s testimony about men. It takes in *all*. It takes in *you*, dear reader, whoever you are. It describes your condition as one of the descendants of

Adam, by whom sin entered into the world.

The Word of God tells of the ruined state of all men by sin. But, then, it tells us also of *His own* way of bringing us out of this state of wretchedness and evil, in which He finds us. He takes us up in all our vileness, and brings us to Himself through Jesus Christ His Son, who is the only Saviour. His death is the only thing that blots out sin. It is God's remedy for sin. Men have invented many, *very many* ways of procuring peace, and quieting the conscience; but they all end in disappointment and utter dismay. There is really only *one true* way of gaining peace with God. Jesus is "*The Way*"—Jesus, who said, "No man

cometh unto the Father but *by me.*" Sin was against us as a debt; and without having the debt paid—unless the sin was put away, we could not be in a fit state to appear before the God of holiness and truth. *We* have no means of paying the debt—of making satisfaction for sin. But Jesus has paid the debt which the sinner owed to God. Jesus, the just One, died for sinners, who are unjust, unholy, unrighteous, ungodly. And for what purpose did he die? The Word of God tells us, "Christ suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, *that he might bring us to God.*" (1 Peter iii. 18.)

Dear Reader, do you believe God's testimony in His Word which speaks of your iniquity and guilt? Remember it is a

fearful thing to disbelieve what God says. Do you also believe what He has said about the sufficiency of the remedy which He has provided for lost sinners? Are you really willing to give your burden of sin to Him to bear, who is able to bear it?

Perhaps you are ready to say, as many do say, "To be sure, the blood of Jesus Christ *is* sufficient; of course it has power to wash and cleanse from all sin, since God Himself says so; but I find myself so sinfully inclined and so evil, that I can scarcely think such blessed things were intended for one so unworthy as I am." Listen, my dear fellow-sinner, to what the Word of God says: *that* is what you have to do with. The whole of this matter is be-

tween yourself and God. Therefore, get rid of your own thoughts and reasonings, and of all the devices of men, and hear what the mouth of the Lord has spoken. Jesus came to die, not for *worthy* persons, but for *the unworthy*. He looks for no goodness in sinners. He does not expect to find any power in us to merit the favour of God. He knows well what is in men; and knowing them to be altogether unworthy of the least blessing—knowing them to deserve condemnation and eternal banishment from the presence of God, he took their nature upon him, and suffered in their stead. He died to put away sin, and thus make the sinner who trusts in him, fit for the holiness of heaven. You

honour God, if you put all your trust in Jesus, His “beloved Son, in whom He is well pleased.” He never yet refused a sinner coming to Him in the name of Jesus. Jesus himself has said, “Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.” He has said this for encouragement to poor, fearful, distrustful sinners, who continually dishonour him by disbelieving the freeness of his love and of his grace. Men judge of the mind of God towards them by their own thoughts and feelings. They know they do not love God, and they imagine, therefore, that He does not and cannot love them. But this is foolish, wicked reasoning. The mind of God, and His dealings and purposes are to be learned—not from man’s

reasonings and devices—but from what He says in His Word. “There are many devices in man’s heart; but the counsel of the Lord, *that shall stand.*” He testifies of the excellency of Jesus, and of his fitness to do that which he came upon earth to do, that is, to save lost rebels.

Dear Reader, if any part of the work of salvation were left dependent on what you, or I, or any other sinner could do to deserve it, we should have no salvation, no possibility of escaping eternal condemnation. But blessed be the Lord God! nothing has been left dependent on us. *He* who was able to accomplish all that he undertook, has undertaken our cause: “The Lord hath laid upon him the iniquity of us all.” (Isa.

liii. 6.) The burden of our sins was put upon Jesus. He was able to bear them, and to atone for them, and to put them away for ever. Jesus having not only satisfied God, but perfectly glorified Him in the way in which he has wrought out salvation for us, we, who trust in him, are not only freely forgiven as having “nothing to pay,” but it is God’s delight to receive us into His favour, and to adopt us as the children of His love, who shall dwell for ever in His presence in unspeakable joy.



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