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Hebrews 1:1-3 “Christ is the Only Saviour”

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“God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, *when he had by himself purged our sins*, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high”.

Scripture declares that the sins of God’s elect were dealt with when Christ suffered in their stead on the cross. Christ’s sufferings

were penal and substitutionary, that is to say, He suffered the punishment of death on the behalf of others. But His sufferings were also satisfactory, that is to say, Christ’s suffering of death was offered to God in answer to God’s holy and righteous demands. The demand of God for the payment of sins is the shedding of blood and death thereby (Lev. 17:11; Heb. 9:22). This Christ did when He suffered on the accursed tree (Isa. 53:10-11). Since Christ purged sins before He ascended back to the right hand of the Majesty on high, then legally those sins are gone! All that God demanded was paid in full by Christ and He said so on the tree when He ex-

claimed with a loud voice just before He bowed His head and gave up the ghost: “It is finished” or literally “paid in full” (Jn. 19:30)! Christ did not die to make purging of sins possible. Christ did not even die to make the purging of the elects’ sins possible. Christ did die and in dying He did by Himself purge the sins of all for whom He died. To say that anyone whose sins have been purged [by Christ before He ascended to heaven] could at any time perish for their sins is to say that Christ did not do what scripture says He did. Christ is the Saviour (Matt. 1:21; Lk. 2:8-11).

Men often speak of “saving faith” and the phrase is not without truth. However, if they in say-

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Isa 44 :6 “Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.”

Hear the word of the LORD. “I have chosen.” This is the Old Testament, and God has chosen some. Israel was (and is) the people of God. But Israel is the people of God because God chose them. They did not choose the Lord. He chose them. I have chosen you and I will bless you and your offspring.

This is the fundamental picture of the character of the Lord. The Lord chooses. These people believe Him and love Him and serve Him because He has chosen them. There was no Israel before the Lord chose them. The Lord (Jesus Christ) made and formed from the womb all of those that He chose. His choice was made before the world began. He is the Lamb slain from before the foundation of the world.

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 ing “saving faith” mean to say that faith in any way adds to Christ’s work at the cross or enables Christ’s work at the cross to purge sins, to forgive sins, to redeem from sins then they are attempting to add to redemption by Christ. **Faith is not a saviour!** Faith enables the believer to *find* justification and righteousness (Rom. 4:1-3). Moreover, it is God who justifies and declares righteous the believer totally apart from works (Rom. 4:5-8) and believing being the gift of God to all the seed (Rom. 4:16) thus believing is not what I do to get God to justify me or declare me righteous. Believing is the means God uses to bring home to the heart and mind of the elect that peace with God which is received by faith (Rom. 5:1). As Abraham’s faith was manifest in that he was fully persuaded that what God had promised He was able to perform (Rom. 4:21) even so faith today is fully persuaded that Christ did do what the scripture says He did – He purged our sins even before He ascended to the Father’s right hand. The faith God gives receives what Christ has done it does not add to what Christ has done! Thus, those who are seeking to add to Christ’s work are doing so by human faith and not God’s gift of faith.

Christ alone justified us by His blood; Christ alone is our righteousness before God; Christ by Himself purged our sins; Christ Himself forgave us our sins. Faith is not a saviour. Repentance is not a saviour. Baptism is not a saviour. Service is not a saviour.

Good works is not a saviour. Christ is the only Saviour. If Christ died for me then God is for me and who then could possibly be against me? If Christ died for me then nothing can be laid to my charge. If Christ died for me then God will then with Christ freely give me all things. Christ was delivered up at the cross for everyone God foreknew and predestinated before time ever was, and God in His own sovereign purpose has guaranteed that all shall be called, justified, and glorified. So certain are these things that scripture speaks of them in the past tense (Rom. 8:28-34). How can I know that I am among that number upon whom God has set His great redeeming love which is indeed in Christ? Do you believe the record God gave of His Son (I Jn. 5:10)?

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statement. “Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God” (Isa 44:6). I first noticed these statements reading the book of Isaiah a long time ago, but I have never really said anything to anyone about it. It begins in Isaiah 41 and continues on through the rest of the book. I saw the LORD referred to in the plural for the first time, in the Old Testament. It seems to show the Lord and the Holy One of Israel separate even when they are the same.

“Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel” (Isa 41:14). “For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called” (Isa 54:5). This seemed to me to show the separation of the Father and the Son in the book of Isaiah. This is ultimately shown in Isaiah 59. “And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD” (Isa 59:20). I believe most of these were not as ignorant of Christ’s way and will as some scholars would have us believe. Moses saw Christ’s day and was glad. Isaiah saw it and wrote the words of the LORD. Christ is the maker, the Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

Ruth 1: 1-18

- 1 Now it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehemjudah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons.
- 2 And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Bethlehemjudah. And they

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- came into the country of Moab, and continued there.
- 3 And Elimelech Naomi's husband died; and she was left, and her two sons.
- 4 And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one *was* Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about ten years.
- 5 And Mahlon and Chilion died also both of them; and the woman was left of her two sons and her husband.
- 6 Then she arose with her daughters in law, that she might return from the country of Moab: for she had heard in the country of Moab how that the LORD had visited his people in giving them bread.
- 7 Wherefore she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters in law with her; and they went on the way to return unto the land of Judah.
- 8 And Naomi said unto her two daughters in law, Go, return each to her mother's house: the LORD deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me.
- 9 The LORD grant you that ye may find rest, each *of you* in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them; and they lifted up their voice, and wept.
- 10 And they said unto her, Surely we will return with thee unto thy people.
- 11 And Naomi said, Turn again, my daughters: why will ye go with me? *are* there yet *any more* sons in my womb, that

- they may be your husbands?
- 12 Turn again, my daughters, go *your way*; for I am too old to have an husband. If I should say, I have hope, *if* I should have an husband also to night, and should also bear sons;
- 13 Would ye tarry for them till they were grown? would ye stay for them from having husbands? nay, my daughters; for it grieveth me much for your sakes that the hand of the LORD is gone out against me.
- 14 And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth clave unto her.
- 15 And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: return thou after thy sister in law.
- 16 And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, *or* to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people *shall be* my people, and thy God my God:
- 17 Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, *if ought* but death part thee and me.
- 18 When she saw that she was stedfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.

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**V1. No More,
 my God! I boast
 no more Of all
 the duties I
 have done; I**

**quit the hopes
 I held before,
 To trust the
 merits of Thy
 Son.**

**V2. Now, for
 the love I bear
 His name,
 What was my
 gain I count
 my loss, My
 former pride I
 call my shame,
 And nail my
 glory to His
 cross.**

**V3. Yes, and I
 must and will,
 esteem All
 things but loss
 for Jesus'
 sake; Oh! may
 my soul be
 found in Him,
 And of His
 righteousness
 partake.**

**V4. The best
 obedience of
 my hands
 Dares not ap-
 pear before
 Thy throne;
 But faith can
 answer Thy
 demands, By
 pleading what
 my Lord has
 done.**



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