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Heb 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

By: Joe Galuszek John 8:12-20

John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

These are the words of Christ, the Lord. “I am the Light of the world.” Those that follow the Lord Jesus do not walk in darkness. They have the light of life. Christ is the Light and He is Life. This is the one who spoke the words: “let there be light” (Gen 1:3). There was light. He made everything that was made, even the light. There is no darkness in Him,

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-

no shadow. Believers, who follow their shepherd’s voice, follow after Him. They have light and life.

The religious of the day took exception with this. You speak of yourself. Christ admitted doing that. Who could be better to speak of the light than the one who is light? However, the Father bore witness of this Man. “While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; **John 8 cont. Page 3**

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- **Saviour cont. Page 2**

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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)?

Poor, Weak and Worthless

Old School Hymnal No. 10 Pg. 212

V1. Poor, weak and worthless tho’ I am, I have a rich almighty Friend; Jesus, the Saviour, is His name He Free-ly loves, and with-out end.

V2. He ran-somed me from hell with blood, And by His pow’r my foes con-trolled, He found me wand’ring far from God, And bro’t me to His chos-en fold

V3. He cheers my heart, my want sup-plies, And says

that I shall short-ly be, Enthroned with Him a-bove the skies O what a Friend is Christ to me.

By: Joe Galuszek Isa 40:28-31

Isa 40:28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

God is not weary, faint-hearted or unknowing. It is unfortunate that most do not believe this statement, even in churches today. The Creator of the ends of the earth is not weary, not tired of His labor. God continues to work as He has always worked, perfectly. Christ is sitting on the right hand of the Father, expecting His enemies to be put under His feet. The enemies of God will be a footstool for the Lord of Creation. This is being worked out as the world turns today. Have you heard? Do you know? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of all things. Most people do not know, even if they have heard.

God asked a question, twice, in the verses before this. “To whom then will ye liken God?” (Isa 40:18) “To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One” (Isa 40:25). There is no one to compare with God. “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the

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Christ told those that berated Him; you do not know the Father or me. These were outside of Christ. They did not follow Him. They were darkness. Outside of Christ is darkness and death. Believers know this because at one time they were darkness, the children of wrath even as others. All believers were dead, alien sinners until the Holy Spirit gave them life and light through the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus tells these Jews (and us) plainly. "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins" (John 8:24). Outside of Christ is darkness. Outside of Christ, there is death. Outside of Christ, there is no love. Outside of Christ, there is no peace, no help, no wisdom, and no hope. This is the only one, who pleased the Father, hear Him. He is the One with whom we have to do. Every knee will bow and every tongue will confess to God. He is the Light and Life. "I am the Light of the world." Follow Him.

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heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isa 55:8,9). The nations of the world are to God as a drop in the bucket. They are of no consequence. God knows. This is our hope, that believers are known of God. "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ

depart from iniquity" (2 Timothy 2:19). God gives power to the faint. Christ gives strength to the weak. I can "liken" Christ to no one. He is unique. He is light, life, love, power, wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. Jesus Christ is salvation, to the Jew and Greek. There is no other. There is none like Him. Christ, being God, came down from heaven to earth to die, so that His people would live. He, being sinless, took upon Himself ALL of the sins of His children. He, being perfect, offered Himself to God in the place of His chosen ones as a perfect, atoning sacrifice. Christ, being accepted by the Father, calls His brethren to Himself and brings them into the light, the family of God. To whom will you liken Him? No one.

Rom 9:7-21

7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, *are they* all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.
 8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these *are* not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.
 9 For this *is* the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sara shall have a son.
 10 And not only *this*; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, *even* by our father Isaac;
 11 (For *the children* being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)

12 It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.
 13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.
 14 ¶ What shall we say then? *Is there* unrighteousness with God? God forbid.
 15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.
 16 So then *it is* not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.
 17 For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.
 18 Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will *have mercy*, and whom he will he hardeneth.
 19 Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will?
 20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed *it*, Why hast thou made me thus?
 21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?



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