

THE FAULTLESS CHRIST

"Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man." Luke 23:4.

When God created this earth and all the universe, He made all things perfect. He made perfect flowers, perfect animals, perfect fowls, perfect plants, and perfect planets. He also created man a perfect being. But man fell from that perfect state and God made a plan to bring him back into fellowship with Himself. God's plan was to send His Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to reveal Himself to the hearts of men.

When Jesus came into this world, He lived a perfect life. He was perfect in every way, in both His divine nature and in His human nature. He was faultless in wisdom, in justice, in mercy, in love, in righteousness, and in every element in the character of God. All of His elements were perfect and complete. Moses had meekness, Joseph had humility, Job had patience, John had love, Peter had courage, and Paul had zeal, but in Christ all of the high elements of character are perfect. He was without fault. While all of us have faults, and we do not seem able to get above them, there is no fault in Christ. There is no fault in: --

1. The person of Christ.

Pilate examined Him closely and said, "I find no fault in this man." Thus he spoke the opinion of all others who had any knowledge at all of Jesus. When Pilate was on the judgment seat, his wife sent a message to him as follows, "Have thou nothing to do with that just man." Judas sold Jesus for thirty pieces of silver and betrayed Him with a kiss and then said, "I have sinned in that I have betrayed innocent blood." Judas knew that Jesus was faultless.

The Centurion that commanded the soldiers to drive the nails into the hands and into the feet of Christ, stood by the cross and watched Jesus suffer for the sinful world and said, "Truly this was the Son of God." The robber on the cross said, "This man hath done nothing amiss." Since His enemies spoke thus, it is not surprising to find His friends praising Him. Peter said, "God hath made this same Jesus both Lord and Christ." Thomas said, "My Lord and my God." Others said "He hath done all things well."

Christ was faultless and perfect. He was perfect in His personal character. He was in the world of sin but He lived a sinless life. There was no sin in Him, therefore He did not confess sin. He said, "Which of you convinceth Me of sin?"

2. The promises of Christ.

He made many precious promises to people who lived when He lived here on the earth. Every one of those promises were made good. He put clay on the eyes of the blind man and told him to go and to wash in the pool of Siloam, assuring him that he would be able to see. The blind man went to the pool, washed his eyes, and came away seeing clearly. Jesus promised Martha her brother Lazarus would live again. Later He stood by the grave of Lazarus and made good His promise. Jesus performed every promise that He ever made. He made promises that apply to people of all the ages. "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30. No weary soul has ever come to Christ without finding complete rest.

Christ has promised light to those who follow Him. "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." No follower of Christ has ever lacked light. He also has promised to prepare a place for all who believe in Him and then to come back and take the believer unto Himself. He will come back. His promises are true and sure. You can depend on every one of them. There is no fault in His promises.

3. The plan of salvation through Christ.

God made the plan of salvation and it is a perfect one. He sent His Son into the world to suffer and to die for the sinful world. He promised that faith in the death of Christ will result in the salvation of the soul. He is the way of life and salvation, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the father, but by me." John 14:6. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12.

Man may seek to devise other ways of being saved, but the trouble with them is that none of them can save the soul of a lost sinner. One cannot be saved by morality, by baptism, by church membership, by education, by works, or by heritage. Only the blood of Jesus Christ can cleanse a soul from sin.

4. The power of Christ

(1) To save.

"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Matthew 28:18. "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them." Hebrews 7:25. There has never been a soul that has come to Christ for salvation who has found Him unwilling or unable to save. He has the power to save the most sinful and the most hopeless. He saved the scarlet woman at the well. He saved Nicodemus. He is abundantly able to save all who will receive Him.

(2) To sustain.

He can and does sustain us in the midst of our temptations, toils, trials, and tribulations.

(3) To supervise.

He can and does supervise our words, our ways, our walks, and our works, whenever we will permit Him to do so.

5. The place of eternal abode which Christ is preparing.

The Bible pictures to us the heavenly home. It reminds us that it is a place of perfect peace, perfect fellowship, and perfect joy, where there is no sickness, no suffering, no sorrow, and no separation, and where the light of the place is Christ Himself. Surely every soul longs for that eternal home when life is over here on the earth.

If you, who are unsaved, desire a residence in heaven when your life here is over, then give this faultless Christ a chance in your heart and life. Accept Him now, publicly profess your faith in Him, follow Him in baptism, live for Him in the church, and serve Him throughout your life in order that this lost world may be brought to Him for eternal life.