

JUST AS I AM

Matthew 26:28

INTRODUCTION

- A. We want to see where we are in our relationship with the Christ so that we can right any wrongs.
- B. Regarding the text.
 - 1. Christ came down to this earth and lived a perfect life and died for our sins. He died for us so that we could have salvation from our sins. RO 5:6, 8, 9. He died for us so that we could have hope of eternal life. 1 TH 5:8.
 - 2. God's grace toward us gave us the opportunity to return to him once we have sinned. We are going to be a servant of either righteousness or unrighteousness. RO 6:13. We are saved because God extended grace towards us and sent us his son. EP 2:8-9; JN 3:16.
 - 3. Now it is up to us to decide what to do with that grace that has been extended toward us.

DISCUSSION: JUST AS I AM—

- I. WITHOUT ONE PLEA.
 - A. We have nothing to bargain with.
 - 1. We have sinned and fallen short of God's glory. IS 59:1-2.
 - 2. The wages of sin is death. ROM 6:23.
 - 3. We cannot buy our way to heaven. RO 5:15-16.
 - B. Our only plea is the blood of Jesus Christ; the Son of God.
 - 1. Jesus Christ is the mediator between man and God. 1 TI 2:5.
 - 2. As the mediator he is the mediator of the New Covenant. HE 12:24.
 - 3. He became the mediator by shedding his blood upon the cross. HE 9:12.
 - C. Christ bids us to come to him.
 - 1. God doesn't want any to be lost. 2 PE 3:9. .
 - 2. Christ's invitation. MT 11:28-30.
 - 3. The commission was given to bring all men to Christ. MT 28:19-20.
- II. AND WAITING NOT.
 - A. Too many people wait to put their lives right with God.
 - 1. Felix sought a more convenient season. Acts 24:25.
 - 2. Agrippa was almost persuaded, but wasn't. Acts 26:27, 28.
 - 3. Some on Mar's Hill said that they would hear Paul again, but there is no record of them ever doing so. Acts 17:32.
 - B. We cannot wait to rid our souls of even one dark blot.
 - 1. We don't know when Christ will return. MT 24:36.
 - 2. We don't know how long we will live. HE 9:27.
 - 3. We could go beyond the point of no return. 1 TI 4:2.
 - C. Christ's blood can cleanse each spot.
 - 1. It was impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sin. HE 10:1-4.
 - 2. There is no sin too great for the blood of Christ if we will come to him in belief, repentance, confession and baptism.
 - 3. If we live in the light the blood of Christ will cleanse us from all sin. 1 JN 1:7.
- III. CHRIST WILL RECEIVE.
 - A. Christ will do the following—
 - 1. Welcome us. MT 11:28-30.

2. Pardon us. 1 CO 6:9-11.
 3. Cleanse us. 1 JN 1:7.
 4. Relieve us. 1 TI 1:13, 15.
- B. Because his promise we believe.
1. Jesus Christ is God. CO 2:9.
 2. As God he cannot lie. TS 1:2.

CONCLUSION

- A. Just as I am—
1. Without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee.
 2. And waiting not, to rid my soul of one dark blot, to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot.
 3. Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse relieve. Because thy promise I believe—
- B. O, Lamb of God, I come. I come.