

salvation for man, (Acts xxviii. 28) it is therefore not of works, lest he should boast. "For we (christians) are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus *unto* good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. (Eph. ii. 10).

There is man's salvation from the snares of the enemy and of the world, which saints are to "work out with fear and trembling, for it is God which worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure." (Phil. ii. 12 13). But this is not to be confounded with the eternal salvation of God, which belongs to the believer in Christ, and is assured to him by God's word.

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The death of Christ is the foundation of everything. Is it a question of life? He has given His flesh for the life of the world. Is it a question of pardon? "Without shedding of *blood* is no remission." Is it a question of peace? "He has made peace by *the blood* of His cross." Is it a question of reconciliation? "We are reconciled to God by the *death* of His Son." In short, it is through death we get everything—without it, nothing. It is on the ground of death, even the atoning death of Christ, that we are reconciled to God, and united, by the Holy Ghost, to the risen and glorified Head in Heaven. All rests on the solid groundwork of accomplished redemption. Sin is put away; the enemy is slain; all barriers are removed; God is glorified; the law magnified; and all this by the death of Christ. "He passed through death's dark, raging flood" to settle everything for us, and lay the imperishable foundation of all the counsels and purposes of the Holy Trinity.