

They learned that his character was not good, and they too black-balled him. Upon invitation he went into a prayer meeting. He heard that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He believed Him. He took Him at His word, and said that he came to Christ without any character and Christ didn't black-ball him. Oh, sinful man, having none among men to love you, Christ Jesus loves you. Accept Him and He will save you. Once when George Whitefield was preaching he declared that Christ would save the devil's castaway. Afterwards, in Lady Huntingdon's drawing room, he was chided for using that vulgar expression. Just then a letter was put into his hand, in which the writer thanked Whitefield for that very remark, for said he, I had fallen so low that my companions forsook me. I felt that I was the devil's castaway to whom you referred in your sermon. Whitefield handed the letter to his critics and said, that must be my answer.

The least sinner needs the Infinite Saviour, the greatest sinner has not over-matched Him. Greatest sins are not a preparation for the Saviour. Thank God if you have been kept from them. But the question is not are your sins few or many—are you a little or a great sinner? The question is, do you accept Christ Jesus?—are you united to Him? It is generally supposed that the late American war began about slavery. The North was against slavery, the South for it and they appealed to arms, but it is well known that soon the question of slavery was swallowed up in the more important question of union—the union of the States—who is for or against the union? The question for us now is not about the origin of sin in Eden or the degree of sin in sinners, but who is for or against union with Christ Jesus? The question of all questions for you is, am I for or against this union *now*? In a little while you may be in the agonies of death. Do not think that since He came to save even the chief of sinners the prayer, "God be merciful to me a sinner," said when dying, will result in your salvation. You may not have time in which to say even that short prayer, or you may say it, and it will be no prayer, because not from your heart, and so you may die in your sin and mourn your folly and lash yourself for evermore.

Whoever you may be, you are a sinner, and need the Saviour *now*. Accept Him in all His offices as Saviour, and, though heaven and earth pass away, your soul will not be lost, you will have passed from death unto life everlasting.

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