

He offers Himself as a Saviour—the only Saviour—to all who will receive Him. He tells them that His righteousness alone can justify the sinner and secure God's pardon. He says that all who receive Him are justified from all things, are saved, are made the children of God, are freed from condemnation.

2. *As Saviour from the power and love of sin.* Man is not only guilty; he is weak and perverse. He cannot do the things which please God. He cannot successfully resist the Tempter. When he would do good, evil is present with him. He often cries out: "Oh wretched man that I am who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" Jesus Christ is the only answer to that cry. He alone can give the power by which the weak can be made strong, and the tempted gain the victory. He not only saves from the *guilt* of sin, but from its *power*. And when one receives Christ as Saviour it is his privilege to believe that Christ will break sin's power and deliver him out of the hand of the evil one. Christ enters the heart as King. And it is the duty of a King to protect his subjects. Christ protects and defends from the assaults of Satan those that trust Him. Many do not see this, and so they struggle on in their own strength to live a Christian life, and meet with disappointment and failure. They do not see that it is not they, but Christ who is within them, through whom alone victory is possible. "I can do all things through Christ who is strong within me." And so a Christian is one who receives Christ as his Saviour from the love and power of sin and who trusts Him absolutely to do it.

3. *As Teacher and Guide.* The sinner is not only guilty and weak, he is also ignorant. He knows not God's will save as it is revealed by Christ through His word and Spirit. Hence, he must receive Him as his Instructor in Divine things and he must submit to him as Teacher. To receive Christ as Teacher is