

Would they be identified with the name of Him they had nailed to the cross as a malefactor? Then they should be forgiven, and they would also receive the Holy Ghost, God's seal, declaring they were now His, by redemption. Three thousand received the glad word that day and were received into the company of the saved. And many thousands more were soon added. Blessed fruit of the travail of Jesus' soul and the testimony of the Holy Ghost, in the very place where Jesus' blood was shed by wicked hands!

But the message was to go beyond the Jews. The great work of atonement had glorified God as to sin, and opened the door of salvation to all men. The heart of God was now free to express itself fully and gladly in forgiving any poor penitent, far or near, high or low, rich or poor, that simply took the place of a confessed and needy sinner. So the message must go everywhere. The Gentiles, as well as Jews and Samaritans, must hear, and hearing, get the knowledge of full and free pardon, through faith in Jesus.

GOD'S word plainly declares that man by nature is wholly corrupt, that from the crown of his head to the sole of his foot there is not so much as a speck of moral soundness.

Deep as is man's ruin, the love of God is deeper still. Black as is his guilt the blood of Jesus can wash it all away.

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