

'This man went down to his house *justified* rather than the other." Permit me to ask again. Have you seen your guilty lost condition and cried to God as did this publican? If you have, then listen: "The wages of sin is death," but our text says: "Christ died," and He was God's Holy One. "He who knew no sin he made sin for us" (2 Cor. v: 21).

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree" (1 Pet. ii: 24). Troubled soul, what a message gladdened the hearts of those Corinthian people in that early day; and the same word is for you. The question of sin and of guilt is forever settled for the believer at the cross. Man in his unbelief may have a hundred doubts and fears, God in His great love meets man's need *at once*. *First of all* He proclaims peace by the blood shed at Calvary. He is in haste with his own remedy for man's ruin. The Father *runs* to meet the returning prodigal and receives him with a kiss. (Luke xv: 20.) (Acts xiii: 38.) (John iii: 16.) (Rom. v: 6.) (1 Peter iii: 16.)

Reader, will you accept God's salvation? Will you believe that the death of Christ is the basis, and the only basis of approach to God? Will you believe that, "first of all," Christ died for our sins, and but for His death, yea and His resurrection, we would still be in our sins? Then you will know that the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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