

sought love, makes us feel we need that love, and that He desires we should enjoy it, and be at peace with God. One who sheds His love abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost given to us. It is peaceful joy to the heart to think of what He is to us—poor, lost, self-ruined sinners. Rising in the triumph of grace above our wretchedness. 'Tis thus the Holy Ghost ever reasons—downward from what God is in His goodness, to us who are in ourselves nothing but evil. Blessed for those who find in truth that the cross of Christ has answered every claim of God upon them, as it has also answered to all His glory! Solemn the state of those who are satisfied to sit in darkness, and the unbelief and insensibility of sin,

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JUST AS I AM.

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THE moment a sinner takes his true place, as one thoroughly lost, guilty and undone—as one who is so bad, that he cannot possibly be worse, there is an immediate, a divine settlement of the entire question of sin. The grace of God deals with sinners, and He knows himself to be one whom Christ came to save. The more clearly anyone can prove him to be a sinner, the more clearly is established his title to the love of God, and the work of Christ. "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God." (I Pet. iii. 18). Now if he is "unjust," he is one of these very people for whom Christ died, and he is entitled to all the benefit of His death by faith in Him. "There is not a just man upon earth;" and inasmuch as he is "upon earth," it is plain he is "unjust;" and it is equally plain that Christ died for him—that He suffered for his sins. Since therefore Christ died for him it is his happy privilege to enter into the immediate enjoyment of the fruit of His sacrifice.