

REDEMPTION.

ALL forgiveness is founded on the blessed work of the Lord Jesus. Without the work of Christ, a holy and just God, yea, a God of truth, must have held man to be what he really is, a guilty sinner, who must be judged according to his works; and we know beforehand, from His word, that there is none righteous, no not one. Besides, we are alienated from God in heart and mind, and so, already lost. I do not now mean finally, nor that we cannot be saved out of that state; but if we can, it is because Christ came to seek and to save that which was lost.

Judgment, if we come unrepentant, unbelieving, before the judgment-seat of Christ, will be according to our works, and therefore condemnation, for all have sinned. But, if I have true faith in Him, then it behooves me to be able to say what He has done for me.

He has "died for our sins according to the scriptures" (1 Cor. xv. 3.); He has borne "our sins in His own body on the tree" (1 Pet. ii. 24.) He died "the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God" (1 Pet. iii. 18.) So that here is our question; supposing I have true heart faith in Him, Christ having thus died for me, what is the effect or efficacy of His death for me? I have a perfect and eternal

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