

It was that sin's awful debt might be paid ; its guilt atoned for ; and the *sinner* saved through faith in God. God, the One against whom we had offended, has declared Himself satisfied with the perfect work of Jesus for us, for He has raised Him from the dead, and now commends His *love*, not to the righteous—for there are none such—but to poor undone sinners, who were without God in the world ; strengthless, ungodly, and enemies of Him.

And in *such* grace we stand ; we who, because of our sins, had no claim, and nothing to expect but eternal wrath from God. We learn in the glad tidings of Christ, that He, Jesus, has suffered, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God. Well may we joy in God who has loved us and blessed us, not because of what He found in us, (in us was nothing but self and sin), but according to the depth and fulness of His own heart's love for poor sinners. And it is Jesus who has expressed all this love. We, by faith, only stand still and see the salvation of God, and give thanks to Him. It is God who has brought us *into His own presence* through our Lord Jesus Christ ; and before the Lord Jesus returned to the glory of God, He left with His disciples this command : "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved ; but he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mark xvi.)

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