

BEGIN AND END IN CHRIST

Every day I find it most healthy to my soul to try to walk as a saint; but, in order to do so, I must continually come to Christ as a sinner. I would seek to be perfect; I would strain after every virtue and forsake every false way; but still, as to my standing before God, I find it happiest to sit where I sat when I first looked to Jesus – on the Rock of His person and work, having nothing to do with my own righteousness, but ONLY WITH HIS.

Depend on it, my dear friends, the only way of living as a believer is to live as a poor sinner and as nothing at all, having JESUS CHRIST AS ALL IN ALL! If you have begun in Christ, then FINISH IN CHRIST. If you have begun in the flesh and then go on in the flesh, we know what the sure results will be. But, if you have begun with JESUS CHRIST as your Alpha, let Him be your Omega. I pray you never think that you are rising when you get above this; for it is not rising when anything is added to Christ, but slipping downwards to your ruin. Stand still to this: *"Nothing in my hands I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling."*

Henry T Mahan

LIKE BEGETS LIKE

John 3:6 - That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Flesh generates flesh. God the Holy Spirit births spirit. To be born of flesh is to be born of Adam's corrupt seed with Adam's sinful nature (1Pet1:23; Ps51:5; Eph2:3) Since like begets like, God the Holy Spirit begets spirit. God promised to put in us a new heart, a new spirit (Eze36:25-28). The new spirit is one with the Holy Spirit but it is a new spirit. Our old Adamic sin-nature is yet with us but we also have a new spirit created by God. The new man is inseparably one with Christ. But the new man is a new spirit *"renewed in knowledge after the image of [Christ] that created him"* (Col3:10). This is why we will be with Christ immediately in

spirit when we die. After God raises our glorified body we will be perfectly conformed to Christ's image. This is God's eternal purpose, *"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren"* (Rom8:29). How we thank God for creating in us a new spirit so that we look away from self to Christ alone!

Clay Curtis

THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin (1John1:7).

Oh, what good news the gospel of Jesus Christ declares to sinners. We are by birth and nature children of darkness, loving darkness rather than the light of the truth (John3:19; Eph.2:12). However, by the marvellous power of God through the gospel of Christ (Rom. 1:16), God has delivered us from the power of darkness into the kingdom of the Son of His love (Col. 1:13). That we should show forth the praises of Him Who called us out of darkness into His marvellous light (2Cor.4:6; 1Pet 2:9). Furthermore, the gospel declares unto all that believe, that the precious blood atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. Not the blood of bulls and goats, not the ceremony and traditions of men, but the glorious blood offering of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, nothing less, nothing more and nothing else (Heb9:26; 1Peter1:18-20), cleanses us from all sin; original sin, actual sin, spiritual and natural sin, ALL sin forever (Heb10:14-17)! Oh, the glory of this perfect, full and finished salvation we are blessed to possess and enjoy through our victorious Lord. *"Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."* (1Cor.15:57).

Tom Harding

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Psalm 23

1129 to 542

S Barnard

1 Jesus, we come to meet
With thee, our Lord and King,
To bow before thy feet,
And here thy praises sing.
Compassion on us have, we pray,
And empty send us not away.

2 May every worldly care
Be banished from our mind;
May we with profit hear,
And peace and comfort find.
Refresh us from thy word, we pray,
And empty send us not away.

3 Our strength will soon decrease
Unless our souls be fed;
We feel our health and peace
Depend on living bread.
Thy gracious hand now, Lord, display,
And empty send us not away.

4 May all true mourners feel
Their grief exchanged for joy;
Thy love to them reveal,
And all their fears destroy.
That when they leave thy house this day,
They may not empty go away.

Prayer

Romans 7:21-8:17

Prayer

64 to 482

J Ryland

1 Sovereign Ruler of the skies,
Ever gracious, ever wise;
All my times are in thy hand,
All events at thy command.

2 His decree who formed the earth
Fixed my first and second birth;
Parents, native place, and time,
All appointed were by him.

3 He that formed me in the womb,
He shall guide me to the tomb:
All my times shall ever be
Ordered by his wise decree.

6 Plagues and deaths around me fly;
Till he bids, I cannot die;
Not a single shaft can hit,
Till the God of love sees fit.

Sermon

639 to 807

W Gadsby

Return to thy rest, my soul, and rejoice;
Let Christ be thy boast, for thou art his choice;
And though sin and Satan, and their hellish
guest,
Do vex and dishearten, Jehovah's thy rest.

2 A sweet resting-place is Jesus to thee;
A fulness of grace, rich, sovereign, and free;
From slavish works cease, then, and rest in the
Lamb,
For Christ is thy freedom from wrath, law, and
sin.

3 O yield not to fear, rest only in Christ;
His promise is sure: he's Jesus thy Priest;
And by one atonement thy sin has condemned,
Then by himself sworn that he'll love to the
end.

4 Return, then, my soul, to Jesus, thy Rest;
By faith on him roll, and lean on his breast;
He will not deceive thee; his faithfulness
prove;
He never can leave thee, till God is not love.