

The Sinner's Savior

by C.H. Spurgeon

The gospel is intended for those who have transgressed and are under condemnation, offering forgiveness and justification through Christ's love and sacrifice.

Scripture: Psalm 34:18, Isaiah 53:5, Matthew 9:12, Luke 19:10, John 3:17, Romans 4:5, Romans 5:8, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Ephesians 2:8-9, 1 Timothy 1:15

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Description

C.H. Spurgeon emphasizes that the gospel is specifically designed for sinners who recognize their transgressions and seek forgiveness, as it is these individuals who truly value the grace of justification. He illustrates that God's mercy is directed towards the guilty and self-condemned, highlighting that the Lord is attentive to those in distress rather than those who are self-sufficient. Spurgeon points out that Christ's mission was to save the unrighteous, as demonstrated by His willingness to die for sinners while they were still in their sins, showcasing the depth of God's love and compassion.

Transcript

Gospel blessings are intended for those who have transgressed and are under condemnation, for who else would value forgiveness and justification? I know myself of no gospel for men who have not sinned. I know of no New Testament promises intended for those who have never broken the law; but I perceive all through the wondrous pages of the gospel that mercy's eye and heart are set upon those who are guilty and self-condemned.

The Eternal Watcher is looking over the vast ocean of life, not that he may spy out the vessels which sail along proudly in safety, but that he may see those who are almost wrecks. "He looketh upon men, and if any say, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profiteth me not; he will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light." Our Lord was more moved at the sight of sickness than of health, and wrought his greatest wonders among fevers, leprosies, and palsies. This is the end and object of the gospel, namely, to save the unrighteous; the God of the gospel is he that "justifieth the ungodly," "for when we were yet without strength, Christ died for the ungodly." "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

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