

Bankruptcy Confessed

by Selwyn Hughes

The sermon emphasizes the sufficiency of Jesus Christ as the true Savior, who saves us from sin and from sinning, and highlights the failure of other religions to provide hope for spiritual transformation.

Scripture: John 14:6, Acts 4:12, Romans 6:6, 1 Corinthians 6:11, Ephesians 2:8

Topics: "True Conversion", "Redemption Through Christ"

Description

Selwyn Hughes emphasizes the transformative power of true conversion through Jesus Christ, contrasting it with superficial forms of spiritual change found in other religions. He shares a powerful anecdote from India that highlights the unique impact of encountering Jesus in a life marked by immorality, showcasing the unparalleled ability of Christ to bring about lasting change and redemption. Hughes underscores the essential nature of Jesus as the ultimate Savior who not only forgives sins but also delivers individuals from the bondage of sin, offering a profound sense of gratitude for His unmatched grace and transformation.

Transcript

"... you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ ..." (v. 11)

For reading & meditation:

1 Corinthians 6:1-11

In his book *Conversion - Christian and Non-Christian*, C. Underwood says that the future of religion lies with the religions of the East, such as Hinduism and Buddhism, where conversions seem to occur. He hears followers discussing such things as self-sacrifice and the practice of good works and labels that as spiritual conversion. When people of any religion begin to become more interested in others than in themselves, then that has to be applauded and recognized as beneficial. But that does not equate with the conversion Jesus talked about. An acquaintance of mine in India, the principal of a high school, told me of a Christian student who was given to immorality. The student was introduced to a pastor who took him aside, and after a month of deep spiritual counseling he was transformed. Several months later a Hindu student was similarly discovered to be practicing immorality. The principal of the school, hearing of this, said to one of his senior staff, a Hindu: "Tell me of a saintly Hindu that I can talk to, or an institution where there is hope of this young man being reformed." The staff member shook his head and replied: "We don't

have such a thing. Hinduism can do nothing for this case. Can't you take him to one of your Christian pastors and get him to pray with him or read the Bible to him?" Here was bankruptcy confessed. I do not tell this story to put the Hindu religion in a bad light. I tell it simply to establish the fact that when other helpers fail and comforts flee, there is always Jesus.

Lord Jesus, I am so thankful that You and You alone are the true Savior. All other Saviors are pseudo-Saviors. Not only do You save me from sin but You save me also from sinning. I am deeply, deeply grateful. Amen.

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