

The Faith of Jesus
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Reference Material (all emphasis supplied)

The faith of Jesus as expressed to lost humanity--

Christ would never have given His life for the human race if He had not **faith in the souls for whom He died**. He knew that a large number would respond to the love He had expressed for humanity. It is not every heart that responds, but every heart may, and can if it will, respond to that **love** that is without parallel. (LHU221.4)

The faith of God expressed as His view of lost humanity--

Christ, the heavenly merchantman seeking goodly pearls, **saw** in lost humanity the pearl of price. In man, defiled and ruined by sin, He **saw** the possibilities of redemption.... God **looked** upon humanity, not as vile and worthless; He **looked** upon it in Christ, **saw** it as it might become through redeeming love. He collected all the riches of the universe, and laid them down in order to buy the pearl. And Jesus, having found it, resets it in His own diadem. (COL118)

The faith of Jesus expressed as relating to others with a vision of the unseen--

If you can do so in an unobtrusive way, try to help Bro. Olsen, and stay up his hands. He needs sympathy, and words of hopefulness and courage. But please do not cast reflection upon the men who have not a living connection with God. If you are considerate, you may do good to A.R. Henry, and Harmon Lindsay. Show by your attitude that you hold no bitterness toward them. Whatever their attitude toward you, let it not discourage you or embitter your experience. Hold fast to Jesus. He has helped you, and he will help you every hour. But do not be off your guard for one moment. Do not indulge in hasty speech. If possible, we want to save these men, who know so little of the Spirit of God. In order to do this, while you should not depend on them as gods, be kind and courteous, **treat them as respectfully as though they had been your best friends**. {1888 1463.1} See also {1MR 146.3} to {1MR 147.1}

The faith of Jesus, in relation to the law, overlooked--

Elder E. J. Waggoner had the privilege granted him of speaking plainly and presenting his views upon justification by faith and the **righteousness of Christ in relation to the law**. This was no new light, but it was old light placed **where it should be in the third angel's message**. What is the burden of that message? John sees a people. He says, "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus" (Rev. 14:12). This people John beholds just before he sees the Son of man "having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle" (verse 14). **The faith of Jesus has been overlooked and treated in an indifferent, careless manner**. It has **not occupied the prominent position in which it was revealed to John**. Faith in Christ as the sinner's only hope has been **largely left out, not only of the discourses given but of the religious experience of very many who claim to believe the third angel's message**. At this meeting I bore testimony that the most precious light had been shining forth from the Scriptures in the presentation of the great subject of the **righteousness of Christ connected with the law**, which should be constantly kept before the sinner as his only hope of salvation. This was not new light to me for it had come to me from higher authority for the last forty-four years, and I had presented it to our people by pen and voice in the testimonies of His Spirit. But **very few had responded except by assent** to the testimonies borne upon this subject.

There was altogether **too little spoken and written upon this great question**. The discourses of some might be correctly represented as like the offering of Cain--Christless. {1888 211.1 & 212.1}

The faith of Jesus, in relation to the law, not proclaimed of equal importance, not understood--

The third angel's message is the proclamation of the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus Christ. The commandments of God have been proclaimed, but **the faith of Jesus Christ has not been proclaimed by Seventh-day Adventists as of equal importance, the law and the gospel going hand in hand**. I cannot find language to express this subject in its fullness. {1888 217.3}

"The faith of Jesus." It is **talked of**, but **not understood**. **What constitutes the faith of Jesus, that belongs, to the third angel's message?** Jesus becoming our sin-bearer that He might become our sin-pardoning Saviour. He was treated as we deserve to be treated. He came to our world and took our sins that we might take His righteousness. Faith in the ability of Christ to save us amply and fully and entirely is the faith of Jesus. {1888 217.4} [Observe 4 sentences in the answer to the question: first two and half are the expression

The faith of Jesus, more than generally supposed, without which the message is marred--

The message that was given to the people in these meetings presented in clear lines **not alone the commandments of God--a part of the third angel's message--but the faith of Jesus, which comprehends more than is generally supposed**. And it will be well for **the third angel's message to be proclaimed in all its parts**, for the people need every jot and tittle of it. If we proclaim the commandments of God and leave **the other half scarcely touched, the message is marred in our hands**. {1888 367.1}

The faith of Jesus, the place where it belongs--

The Lord is not pleased to have man trusting in his own ability or good deeds or in a legal religion, but in God, the living God. The present message that God has made it the duty of His servants to give to the people is no new or novel thing. It is an old truth that has been lost sight of, just as Satan made his masterly efforts that it should be. The Lord has a work for every one of His loyal people to do to **bring the faith of Jesus into the right place where it belongs--in the third angel's message**. The law has its important position but is powerless unless the righteousness of Christ is placed beside the law to give its glory to the whole royal standard of righteousness. "Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good" (Rom. 7:12). {1888 375.2}

The faith of Jesus, in relation to the law, unequaled in promoting real heart piety--

The rainbow above the throne, the bow of promise, testifies to the whole world that God will never forget His people in their struggle. Let Jesus be our theme. Let us **with pen and voice present, not only the commandments of God, but the faith of Jesus**. This will **promote real heart piety as nothing else can**. While we present the fact that men are subjects of a divine moral government, their reason teaches them that this is truth, that they owe allegiance to Jehovah. This life is our time of probation. We are placed under the discipline and government of God to form characters and acquire habits for the higher life. Temptations will come upon us. Iniquity abounds; where you least expect it, dark chapters will open that are most terrible, to weigh down the soul; but we need not fail nor be discouraged while we know that the bow of promise is above the throne of God. We shall be subject to heavy trials, opposition, bereavement, affliction; but we know that Jesus passed through all these. These experiences are valuable to us. The advantages are not by any means confined to this short life. They reach into eternal ages. Through patience, faith, and hope, in all the changing scenes of life, we are forming characters for everlasting life. Everything shall work together for good to those that love God. {1888 728.2}