

# They Lord Put Away My Sin

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True believers are warned to beware of false teachers who amend the gospel revealed in God's Word and make it fit their ideas of what it should say. But, as Paul wrote to the Galatians, any such amendment of the true gospel renders it to be no gospel at all, one which does not accomplish the objective of landing the elect of God safe in heaven. If you were to add just one drop of cyanide to a glass of pure water you wouldn't be persuaded to drink it even though it was still 99%+ pure water because the one drop renders the whole glass to be deadly poison. We need always to keep alert.

A man recognised as a serious theologian by many was Andrew Fuller who lived from 1754 to 1815. He is respected and accepted by many 'reformed' protestant churches and publishers but he denied the doctrine of Particular Redemption and taught that Christ's death was 'sufficient for the salvation of the whole world should they choose to believe it'. He also taught that Christ died only to deal with the effects of sin in general and not to pay the debt of specific sin. Moreover, he denied that the sin of God's elect was actually, really, transferred to Christ and, its corollary, he denied that God's righteousness was actually, really, transferred to His people; this is in spite of the clear statement of 2 Corinthians 5:21 that God 'made him who knew no sin to be sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.'

Fuller applied human logic; a criminal's penalty can be paid by some benefactor but he remains guilty of his crime. He may even be granted a pardon, but still remains guilty of the crime and so is not justified in the law's eyes. But, under the decree of Almighty God, when Jesus took my sin, made it His own and paid its penalty to divine justice in my place, He made an end of it (Daniel 9:24), He justified me. On Judgment Day, all-seeing divine justice shall search for my sins but shall not find them, nor the sins of any of God's people (Numbers 23:21; Jeremiah 50:20). Likewise He made all His elect people beautiful in divine righteousness, a bride without 'spot or blemish' (Ephesians 5:27; Song of Solomon 5:2), clothed with righteous robes (Isaiah 61:10) suitably attired for His marriage supper (Matthew 22:11; Revelation 19:8).

So with confidence, saints of God, we can sing, 'Bold shall I stand in that great day'. Anything less is not salvation and a 'christ' that fails to do this is in fact Anti-Christ. We hear often of scammers who try to trick us out of

our money; beware that you are not tricked out of your salvation.

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