

Trusting Christ

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. (Proverbs 3:5)

We are often confused as to how God will perform what He has promised us in His word. God surely has promised us that *"All things will work together for good to them that love God, to them that are called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28)* God has promised to answer our prayers and give us all things that we need. *"Ask and it shall be given you, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you."* (Matthew 7:7) Yet in the believer's life we find that our experience seems contrary to His promises. We are surrounded by troubles and evils both without and within. We are often cast down and full of grief and sorrow. We cry with Asaph in Psalm 73: I know you are good to Israel (your elect) but as for me my foot hath well slipped. My faith is almost gone because all I can see is the wicked prosper and the righteous suffer.

But believer remember that we are not to live by sight but rather by faith in Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit tells us that *the just shall live by faith. (Romans 1:17)* Believer no matter our circumstance, no matter our outward or inward struggles, God is faithful. *He that hath begun a good work in you SHALL perform it.* Not maybe perform it, not perhaps perform it, but He SHALL perform it. This good work of our salvation was purposed of God the Father in our election. It was accomplished by the work of Jesus Christ the Son upon the cross, and it was applied by the Power of the Holy Spirit to life and faith in Christ. So then no matter our trouble or tears or trials or sufferings in this life, all things shall work together to bring us to experience our eternal inheritance. (1 Peter 1:2-9)

Believer our Lord hears our prayers. (Proverbs 15:29) For if God has given us

His own Son, how shall He not freely give us all things that are good for us and glorify His Holy Name? (Romans 8:31-32)

Let us then set our affection on Jesus Christ our Lord who first loved us. Let us trust in His word and faithfulness rather than in what we see or feel. This fleshly nature of sin still resides in us and our heart of flesh is deceitful and wicked. Therefore we should not trust it nor should we hear its cries of unbelief and fear. Trust in the Lord for He has set His word above His name and all His glory rest upon Him performing it. (Numbers 23:19)

Why should we ever doubt our Great and Loving Lord? I confess that I cannot tell how God will work all things together for my good. I am not called to explain the providence of God but just to believe God no matter the providence. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

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