

“Christianity knows nothing of hopelessness.” —Alexander McClaren

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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

—Romans 15:13 ESV

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¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

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³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

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⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. —Romans 5:1-10 ESV

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“Salvation is much more than a ‘post-mark’ for a future destination. Salvation is a ‘power-source’ for change in life as we are being shaped into the image of Christ.”

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“There is something which makes Christianity more than a religion, more than an ethic, and more than the idle dream of the sentimental idealist. It is this something which makes it relevant to each one of us right now as a contemporary experience.”

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“It is the fact that Christ Himself is the very life content of the Christian faith. It is He who makes it ‘tick.’ The One who calls you is the One who does that which He calls you. He is Himself the very dynamic of all His demands.”

—Major Ian Thomas

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...for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

—Philippians 2:13 ESV

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²³Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

—1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 ESV

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Orientation to the Saving Life of Christ

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Romans 5:10 “enemies” | antagonistic

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“Total life-change stemming from new life-power is the outcome of the saving life of Christ.”

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“This is the divine genius that saves man from the futility of self-effort. It relieves the Christian of the burden of pulling himself up by his own ‘bootstraps!’ If it was not for this divine provision, the call to Christ would be a source of utter frustration, presenting the sorry spectacle of a sincere idealist, constantly thwarted by his own inadequacy.” —Major Ian Thomas

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Implications of this Saving Life of Christ

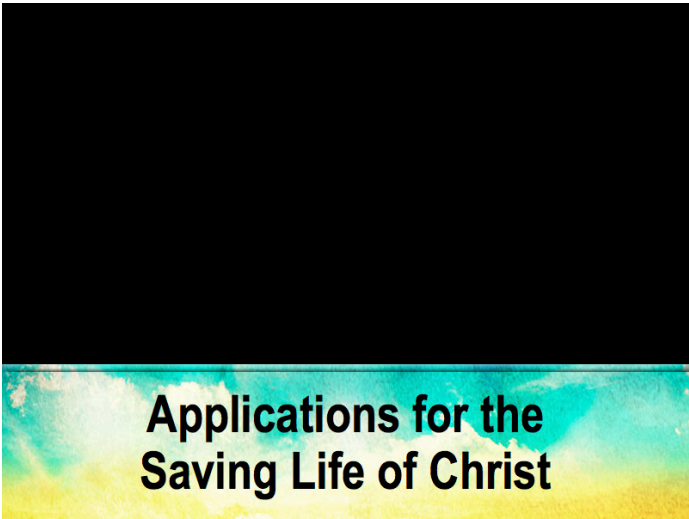
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SIN is:

- a debt that has been paid because we are justified.
- a disease that is being healed as we are sanctified.
- a departure from God we return from when we are glorified.

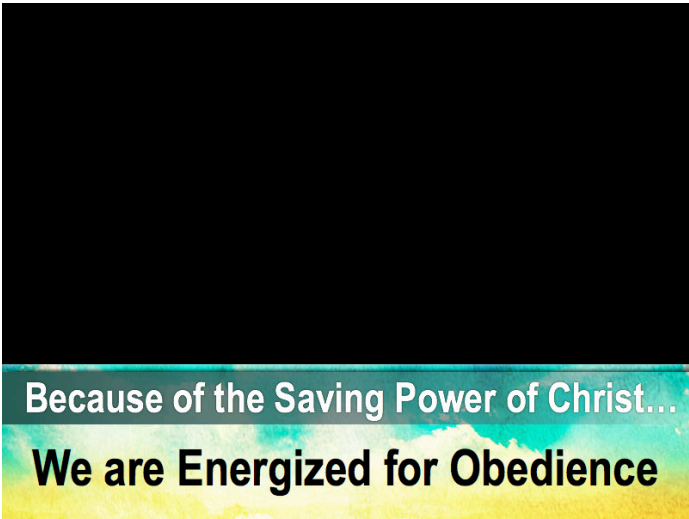
—Kay Arthur, Precept Bible Studies

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**Applications for the
Saving Life of Christ**

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**Because of the Saving Power of Christ...
We are Energized for Obedience**

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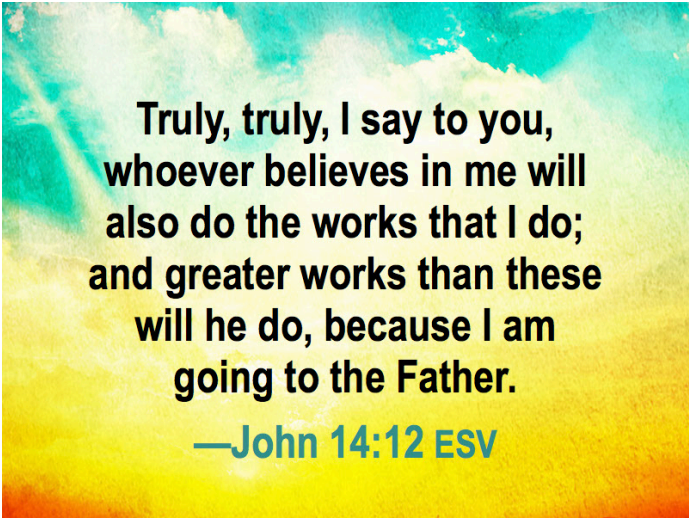
**Husbands, love your wives, as Christ
loved the church and gave himself up
for her... —Ephesians 5:25 ESV**

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**Because of the Saving Power of Christ...
We are Empowered for Service**

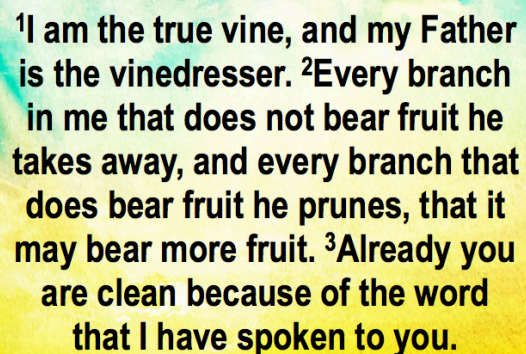
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**Truly, truly, I say to you,
whoever believes in me will
also do the works that I do;
and greater works than these
will he do, because I am
going to the Father.**

—John 14:12 ESV

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**¹I am the true vine, and my Father
is the vinedresser. ²Every branch
in me that does not bear fruit he
takes away, and every branch that
does bear fruit he prunes, that it
may bear more fruit. ³Already you
are clean because of the word
that I have spoken to you.**

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⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. —John 15:1-5 ESV

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**Because of the Saving Power of Christ...
We are Enabled to Be Holy**

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**²²Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. ²³Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men...
—Colossians 3:22-23 ESV**

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“To be in Christ—that’s redemption; but for Christ to be in you, that’s sanctification! To be in Christ—that makes you fit for heaven; but for Christ to be in you—that makes you fit for earth! To be in Christ changes your destination; but for Christ to be in you—that changes your destiny! The one makes heaven your home—the other makes this world God’s workshop!” —Major Ian Thomas

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WARREN A WAY OF LIFE
The Saving Life of Christ!

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