

JUST AS I AM.

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INTRO:

A. Read the text. Matt. 26:28.

B. Regarding the text.

1. Christ came down to this earth and lived a perfect life and died for our sins.
2. He died to save us from our sins (**Rom. 5:6, 8-9**).
3. He died for us so that we could have hope of eternal life (**1 Thess. 5:8**).
4. We are going to be a servant of either righteousness or unrighteousness (**Rom. 6:13**). We are saved because God extended grace towards us and sent us his son (**Eph. 2:8,9; Jno. 3:16**). Now it is up to us to decide what to do with that grace that has been extended toward us.

I. JUST AS I AM WITHOUT ONE PLEA.

A. What is a plea? (A response or defense to a charge.)

1. We have nothing to bargain with.
2. We have sinned and fallen short of God's glory.
 - 1) Sin separates (**Isa. 59:1-2**).
 - 2) We all sin (**Rom. 3:23; 1 John 1:8, 10; Ecc 7:20** "For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not").
3. The wages of sin is death (**Isa. 3:11** "Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him." **Rom. 6:23**).

B. Our only plea is the blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

1. Jesus Christ is the mediator between man and God.
 - 1) **1 Tim. 2:5** "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."
 - 2) As the mediator, he is the mediator of the New Covenant.
 - 3) **Heb. 12:24** "And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant..."
2. He became the mediator by shedding his blood upon the cross.
 - 1) **Heb. 9:12** "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us."

C. Christ bids us to come to him.

1. Christ's invitation. **Matt. 11:28** "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."
2. The great commission was given to bring all men to Christ (**Matt. 28:19-20**).

II. JUST AS I AM AND WAITING NOT.

A. Too many people wait to get right with God.

1. Felix sought a more convenient season (**Acts 24:25** "And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee."
2. Agrippa was almost persuaded. Almost is to fall short (**Acts 26:27-28**).
3. Some on Mar's Hill said that they would hear Paul again, but there is no record of them ever doing so (**Acts 17:32**).

B. We must not wait to rid our souls of even one dark blot.

1. WHY must we "wait not?"
 - 1) We don't know when Christ will return (**Mt. 24:36**).
 - 2) We don't know how long we will live (**James 4:14**).

3) We could go beyond the point of no return (**1 Tim. 4:2**).

C. Christ's blood can cleanse each spot.

1. Impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sin.
 - 1) **Heb. 10:4** "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins."
2. There is no sin too great for the blood of Christ if we will come to him in belief, repentance, confession and baptism.

III. JUST AS I AM THOU WILL RECEIVE.

A. We do not come to Him without making changes...

1. I understand this stanza to mean that He will receive me no matter how great a sinner I have been.
2. **1 Tim. 1:12-15**.

B. When we make the change, He will...

1. Wash, Sanctify and Justify. **1 Cor. 6:9-11. (Note vs. 11** "And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.")
2. **John 10:10** "I am come that ye might have life..."
3. **Luk 19:10** "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

C. Because his promise we believe.

1. He cannot lie.
 - 1) **Titus 1:2** "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began."
 - 2) **Heb. 6:18** "That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us."
2. His promises cannot fail!

IV. CONCLUSION:

A. SUMMARY: Just as I am—

1. Just as I am without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee.
2. Just as I am and waiting not, to rid my soul of one dark blot, to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot.
3. Just as I am thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse relieve. Because thy promise I believe—

B. APPEAL: O, Lamb of God, I come. I come.

C. Will we come on His terms?

1. H/B/R/C/BAPTISM.
2. Live a life for the Lord.