



**Christ Alone:  
Safeguard for Our Salvation  
(Colossians 2:8-23)**



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Guard your soul from deceptive and destructive doctrines by building your faith on Christ alone.

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“Look to the cross. ...To come unto God by Christ for forgiveness, and therein to behold the law issuing all its threats and curses in his blood, and losing its sting, putting an end to its obligations unto punishment, in the cross; ...”

# John Owen



“... to see all sins gathered up in the hands of God’s justice, and made to meet on the Mediator, and eternal love springing forth triumphantly from his blood, flourishing into pardon, grace, mercy, forgiveness,--this the heart of a sinner can be enlarged unto only by the Spirit of God” (6:407).

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“Set faith at work on Christ for the killing of your sin. His blood is the great sovereign remedy for sin-sick souls. Live in this, and you will die a conqueror; yea, you will, through the good providence of God, live to see your lust dead at your feet” (6:79).

# John Owen



“Let, then, your soul by faith be exercised with such thoughts and apprehensions as these: ‘I am a poor, weak creature; unstable as water, I cannot excel. This corruption is too hard for me, and is at the very door of ruining my soul; ...’”

# John Owen



“... I have made promises and broken them; vows and engagements have been as a thing of nought. Many persuasions have I had that I had got the victory and should be delivered, but I am deceived; so that I plainly see, that without some eminent help and assistance, I am lost... But yet, though this be my state and condition, ...

# John Owen



“... Behold, the Lord Christ, that hath all fulness of grace in his heart, all fulness of power in his hand, he is able to slay all these his enemies. There is sufficient provision in him for my relief and assistance. ...

# John Owen



“... He can take my drooping, dying soul and make me more than a conqueror... I say, then, by faith, be much in the consideration of that supply and the fulness of it that is in Jesus Christ, and how he can at any time give you strength and deliverance” (6:79-80).

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# Said at Owen's Funeral



“A great light is fallen; one of eminency for holiness, learning, parts and abilities; a pastor, a scholar, a divine of the first magnitude; holiness gave a divine lustre to his other accomplishments, it shined in his whole course, and was diffused through his whole conversation.”

# Owen's Final Letter



“I am going to him whom my soul hath loved, or rather who hath loved me with an everlasting love; which is the whole ground of all my consolation. ...”

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“... I am leaving the ship of the church in a storm, but whilst the great Pilot is in it, the loss of a poor under-rower will be inconsiderable. Live and pray and hope and wait patiently and do not despair; the promise stands invincible that He will never leave thee nor forsake thee.”

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