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youth began to break out."

"Hold your tongue, or I will give you to drunken Perkins."



"He applied the terrors of the law so directly to the consciences of his hearers that their hearts would often sink under conviction."



William Perkins possessed a rare gift – the ability to merge deep theology with warm piety.

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Perkins was instrumental in securing the Reformation in England.

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Perkins laid the foundation for the development of a distinct piety.





Why should you read this book?

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The knowledge of Christ is saving.

"I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ" (Phil. 3:8-9).

To gain Christ is the be found in Him – to "have our whole person united to His whole person."

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"For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law" (Rom. 3:28).

(1) "What it is to be justified"

"It is an action of God the Father, absolving a sinner from all his sins, for the merit of Christ, accounting him as just, and accepting him to life everlasting."

(2) "What it is to be justified by faith"

"God gives it unto us when He gives us Christ Himself, for it is given with Him, and it is made ours when God in mercy esteems, judges, and accounts it to be ours, for it is ours by imputation."

"To make this obedience ours, we must receive it, and that can be only by faith, which is the hand of the soul receiving into it the things that are given us of

(3) "What works are excluded from justification"

"A man must first be justified before he can do a good work, and therefore works follow justification, and cannot cause it."

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The knowledge of Christ is sanctifying.

"I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified" (1 Cor. 2:2).

This is "a lively, powerful, and operative knowledge."

Such knowledge includes:

"beholding" Christ's passion

"feeling" our sins

"marvelling" at Christ's love

As we hear of Christ agonizing in the garden, we think of our sins that brought such pain upon Him.

As we hear of His condemnation before Pilate, we marvel at God's infinite mercy toward us.

As we hear of Christ naked upon the cross, we remember that He covers our shame with His righteousness.

As we hear Christ's cry from the cross, we think of how He suffered the torment of hell in our place.

Feeling the severity of our sin and the enormity of Christ's suffering, we stand amazed at the depth of His love.

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The knowledge of Christ is satisfying.

"And to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God" (Eph. 3:19).

"Experiential knowledge is growing more and more in the holy experience of the endless love of God and fellowship with Christ."

God loves Christ "simply for Himself."
This is the Father's love for the Son. It's eternal and unchangeable.

God "descends" from Christ to love those who are one with Him. "He loves us, not simply, but respectively in and for Christ."

To be one with Christ means we're loved as Christ is loved, we're favored as He is favored.

