







“Quickly the wildfire of his 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.**

*The workes of that famous and worthy minister of Christ
in the Vniuersitie of Cambridge,
Mr. William Perkins*

Printed at London by John Legatt, 1612-1613.

These particular volumes were owned by C.H. Spurgeon and contain his book seal; they were then passed on to A.W. Pink whose handwritten notes may be seen in the margins.

v. 28. And it came to
 passe whe Iesus had ended these
 words, the people were astonied
 at his doctrine.
 29. For he taught as one
 hauing authoritie, and not as
 the Scribes.
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uent of this sermon of our Saviour Christ in his
hearers. And in them we may obserue two
points: first, the good fruit that came of this ser-
mon, y. 28. secondly, the cause and reason there-
of, y. 29. The fruit was the astonishing of the
people; which S. *Matthew* sets out by three
circumstances: I. of the time, when it appea-
red, to wit, after the Sermon was ended: II. of
the persons in whom it was wrought, the people
the multitude: III. of the matter where-
by it was effected, namely, at the doctrine

**Perkins was instrumental in securing
the Reformation in England.**

**Perkins made an incalculable
contribution to the advancement of
Reformed theology.**

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





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*A Perfect
Redeemer*

WILLIAM

**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 to be found in Him –
to “have our whole person united to His
whole person.”**

Sola Fide

**“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 God.”

(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.**



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