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Once Saved by Christ, Saved Forever (or An Effectual Atonement)

1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

Matthew 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

If Christ once suffered for our sins to bring us to God, then you were also once brought unto God. And just as Christ needeth not to suffer any more for sins, how sayeth many this suffering of Christ was not effectual to bring you unto God forever? If once brought unto God, are you not in His hands and care? Is God so negligent so as to lose any of His once redeemed sheep? Such a proposition denies the work of Christ who once died to put away sins by the sacrifice of himself, which he did and which cannot be undone without undoing Jesus Christ as our once, only, and always Savior. Do not dishonor Christ and His work by supposing His sufferings did not positively and certainly save His people from their sins. It was once done, and done forever. Be not of uncertain opinion on this point, Christ either saved and it was completed once and forever or it was never done at all. In this, Jesus is the once, only, and always Savior. There is great peace, hope, and happiness in being persuaded of this.