



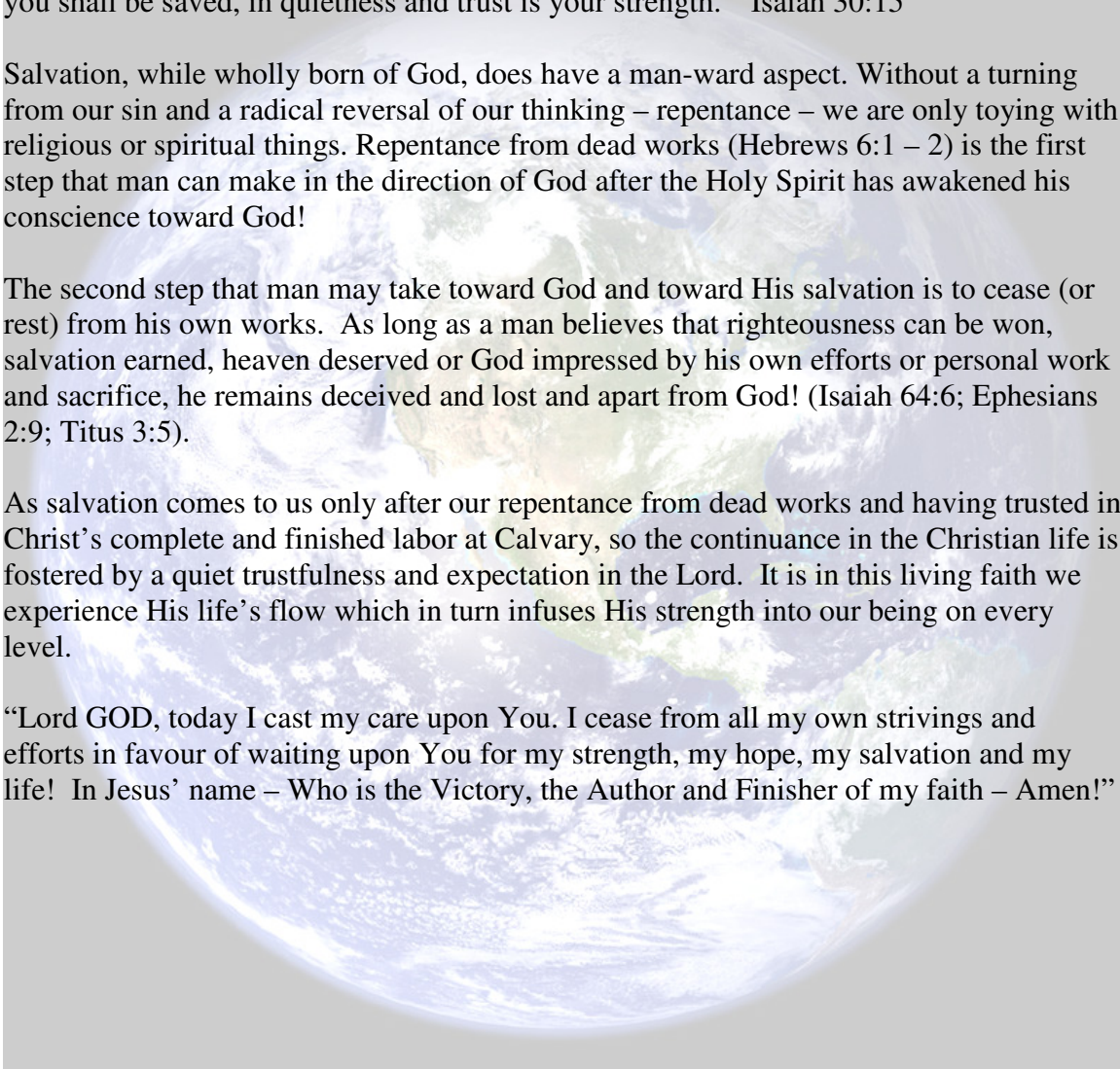
“For thus says the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel has said, “In repentance and rest you shall be saved, in quietness and trust is your strength.” Isaiah 30:15

Salvation, while wholly born of God, does have a man-ward aspect. Without a turning from our sin and a radical reversal of our thinking – repentance – we are only toying with religious or spiritual things. Repentance from dead works (Hebrews 6:1 – 2) is the first step that man can make in the direction of God after the Holy Spirit has awakened his conscience toward God!

The second step that man may take toward God and toward His salvation is to cease (or rest) from his own works. As long as a man believes that righteousness can be won, salvation earned, heaven deserved or God impressed by his own efforts or personal work and sacrifice, he remains deceived and lost and apart from God! (Isaiah 64:6; Ephesians 2:9; Titus 3:5).

As salvation comes to us only after our repentance from dead works and having trusted in Christ’s complete and finished labor at Calvary, so the continuance in the Christian life is fostered by a quiet trustfulness and expectation in the Lord. It is in this living faith we experience His life’s flow which in turn infuses His strength into our being on every level.

“Lord GOD, today I cast my care upon You. I cease from all my own strivings and efforts in favour of waiting upon You for my strength, my hope, my salvation and my life! In Jesus’ name – Who is the Victory, the Author and Finisher of my faith – Amen!”



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