



“But we are all as an unclean thing and all our righteousnesses as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf, and our iniquities like the wind have taken us away.” Isaiah 64:6

The Scripture always speaks with such simple candor. And when the Bible speaks there is no tendency to show regard to the feelings of those it addresses. There is no redemption in our good deeds, no salvation in our sacrifice, no hope found in human resources. The Word of God pierces through our every pretense, our every motive, our every scheme and what is left is man in his utter lostness! “There is none righteous, no not one!” (Romans 3:10).

As autumn brings the turning of the leaves and the winter winds blow the fallen leaves away, so our sins have caused our fall from the place of God’s favor and the wind has taken us away!

There is no hope to be found in our own labors. There is no confidence to be found in our own abilities. There is no inner goodness from which we dare expect to be restored to our place before God.

Wait... there is one hope! But alas, it is not found in man! You must turn from your own righteousness and find your right standing with God in Jesus Christ alone! Remember, the Gospel never exalts man and always points us faithfully to Christ and His righteousness!

“My hope is built on nothing less,  
Than Jesus Blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name!

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.  
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<sup>1</sup> The Solid Rock Edward More 1797 – 1874 & William B. Bradbury, 1816 – 1868

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