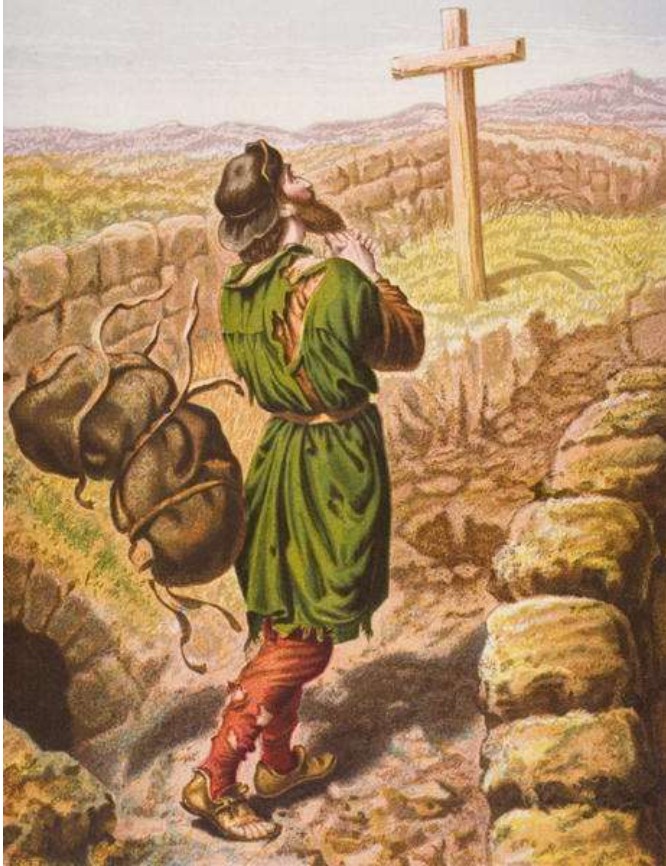


# The Great Exchange!



## Christian!

- Your sins are forgiven.
- Your rags are being exchanged for **new clothing**.
  - Your rags are your sin and they go to Jesus.
  - The new clothes come from Jesus and represent righteousness.
- You are receiving a mark on your forehead and a scroll with a seal.
  - Your identity is now found in Jesus.

**THE CROSS IS A SYMBOL THAT CHRIST HAS ATONED FOR YOUR SIN.**

**PENAL SUBSTITUTIONARY ATONEMENT**

**Pilgrim's  
Progress**

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2 Corinthians 5:21

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## THE INTERPRETER'S HOUSE

*We come tonight to the interpreter's house. And since every minister of the gospel is an interpreter, and every evangelical church is an interpreter's house, let us gather up some of the precious lessons to ministers and to people with which this passage of the Pilgrim's Progress so much abounds.*

-Alexander Whyte



## Room 1: The Man in the Picture on the Wall

- The man represents ministers of the Gospel who invite people to receive Jesus Christ.
- Evangelist, Help and Goodwill represent this calling.
- Notice: Eyes raised toward Heaven.
- Notice: The Bible is in his hand.
- Notice: The world is behind his back.
- Notice: A crown of gold stands over his head.



## Room 2: The Dusty Parlor

- The dust is original sin.
- Lies on the floor of our heart thick and undisturbed.
- The broom is the Law. This is the standard of God's holiness.
- Broom sweeping the dust is the Law agitating sin.
- The heart is cleansed with the sprinkling of the water of the Gospel.

**The Dust**

**The Water**

**The Broom**

### Room 3: Passion and Patience

- Passion wants it NOW!
- Patience is willing to wait.



#### Are we willing to sacrifice the eternal on the altar of the immediate?

- For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way as we are, yet without sin. -Hebrews 4:1 [Passion]
- ...keeping our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. For the joy that lay before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. -Hebrews 12:2 [Patience]

### Room 4: Fire on the Wall

- One is trying to put the fire out with water. (Satan) We must **persevere**.
- One is keeping the fire blazing with oil. (Jesus) God promises to **preserve**.



- I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. -Philippians 1:6
- Therefore, my dear friends, just as you have always obeyed, so now, not only in my presence but even more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God who is working in you both to will and to work according to his good purpose. -Philippians 2:12-13

### Room 5: The Stately Palace



- Christ may preserve us, but we need to put on the full armor of God.
- The **Stately Palace** is the Kingdom of Heaven.
- Take the Sword of the Spirit and Go!!!
- Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of eternal life to which you were called and about which you have made a good confession in the presence of many witnesses. -1 Timothy 6:12

### Room 6: The Man in the Iron Cage



- The man represents a formerly good man gone bad.
- He professed Christ in his own eyes and the eyes of others.
- His heart had become so hardened that he could not repent.
- This is a call to **PERSEVERE!**
- The true desire of his heart had been for lusts, pleasures and worldly profit.
- Question:** Did his heart every truly belong to God?

For it is impossible to renew to repentance those who were once enlightened, who tasted the heavenly gift, who shared in the Holy Spirit, who tasted God's good word and the powers of the coming age, and who have fallen away. This is because, to their own harm, they are recrucifying the Son of God and holding him up to contempt. -Hebrews 6:4-6

### Room 7: The Man's Dream – A Day of Reckoning

God's judgment is here.

Will our destination be bliss or misery?

The Interpreter asks: Have you considered all these things?

Then I saw a great white throne and one seated on it.  
 Earth and heaven fled from his presence, and no place was found for them.  
 I also saw the dead, the great and the small,  
 standing before the throne, and books were opened.  
 Another book was opened, which is the book of life, and the dead were judged according to their works by what was written in the books.  
 Then the sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them; each one was judged according to their works.  
 Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire.  
 This is the second death, the lake of fire.  
 And anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.  
-Revelation 20:11-15