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“Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the
God I love.”

- Robert Robinson

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Acts 16:14-15

One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

Acts 16:31

Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved...

Ephesians 2:1-3

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.

Ephesians 2:4-5

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved.

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“Sanctification is the work of God’s free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled to die more and more unto sin, and live unto righteousness.”

- The Westminster Shorter Catechism

“It is imperative that we realize our complete dependence upon the Holy Spirit. We must not forget, of course, that our activity is enlisted to the fullest extent in the process of sanctification. But we must not rely upon our own strength of resolution or purpose. It is when we are weak that we are strong. It is by grace that we are being saved as surely as it is by grace we have been saved.”

- John Murray

Jonah 2:9

Salvation belongs to the LORD.

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“Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord.
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love’s purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.”

- Katharina A. von Schlegel

“Lack of assurance is often caused, like a sense of inferiority, by being too taken up with ourselves. But our assurance does not lie in what we are, be we great or small. It lies in what God has done in his plan of salvation to secure us to himself.

‘Believe God’s word and power more than you believe your own feelings and experiences’, wrote Samuel Rutherford to a correspondent. ‘Your Rock is Christ and it is not the Rock which ebbs and flows, but your sea.’ The more we know of the strength of our Rock, and understand that we have all the blessings of the Christian life secure in him, the more steadily assured we will be and the greater will be our joy.”

- Sinclair Ferguson

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