

JESUS ALONE
CAN SAVE



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Ingelis Fleming was born on January 14, 1859, in England. At the age of 26, he left his job as an architect to serve the Lord full-time, having understood that Jesus died voluntarily, because of our sins, with the purpose of saving all who believe in Him. The force of the gospel had gripped his heart in such a way that Fleming wrote, "It may be that open persecution may arise against the Christian as the world plunges on to its doom. It may be that we may be called to the honor of a martyr's death for witness to our Lord, but let us not fear. 'Martyr grace' will be ours 'for martyr days'" and *"if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled"* (1 Peter 3.14 ESV).

His life was a faithful testimony of the grace of Christ in his life. Mr. Fleming was not called to a martyr's death but died in California when he was 96 years old. However, in 1956, less than a year after his death, his own grandson, Peter Fleming, was called to a martyr's death. At 27, he and his four fellow missionaries were killed by the spears of an Ecuadorian tribe. Peter was aware of the possibility of losing his life, and he did so for the sake of the gospel. Within eight months, both a grandfather and

his grandson arrived in Heaven. They died under different circumstances, but both died, having been saved from their sins, and trusting in the same Savior.

I would like to ask you, dear reader, do you have something worth dying for? Furthermore, did you know there is something worth more than life itself? It is called eternal life. *“God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son”* (1 John 5.11 ESV). Included here are two stanzas of the hymn that Inglis Fleming wrote, “Christ the Savior of Sinners Came”:

“Works of righteousness” all in vain,
Jesus alone can save;
His blood cleanses from every stain,
Jesus alone can save;
Now His work’s completed,
Now in glory seated—
Jesus alone, Jesus alone,
Jesus alone can save.

Tears can never forgiveness gain,
Jesus alone can save;
God will ever dead works disdain,
Jesus alone can save;
Hear His blest voice calling,
Blessings rich are falling—
Jesus alone, Jesus alone,
Jesus alone can save.

What will the end of your life be like? Will you die elderly like Mr. Fleming, or suddenly, as a young person, like his grandson? What matters most is that you are prepared for death's appointment when it comes. Your confidence must be in the work that Christ did on behalf of the sinner. To whoever might trust in something apart from Jesus Christ, comes the announcement, *"There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved"* (Acts 4.12 ESV).



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