

## **Quotes of Church Fathers and Others**

### **Calvin**

Isn't it wonderful that our judge is also our redeemer. Institutes

Therefore do not seek to understand in order to believe, but believe that thou mayest understand.

Knowledge of the sciences is so much smoke apart from the heavenly science of Christ.

A mystery which our minds cannot comprehend ought to be reverently adored

### **Luther**

I went to Rome with onions and came back with garlic.

He is no more qualified to be a Bishop than an ass is to play a harp.

I cannot and will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand, I can do no other, so help me God. Amen.

Pray, and let God worry

I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.

I am more afraid of my own heart than of the pope and all his cardinals. I have within me the great pope, Self.

If, therefore, we are taught, and if we believe, that we ought not to know the necessary prescience of God, and the necessity of the things to take place, Christian faith is utterly destroyed, and the promises of God and the whole gospel entirely fall to the ground.

### **Matthew Henry**

A treasury of prayers laid up for our children may stand them in better stead than thousands of gold and silver laid up for them.

It (election and predestination) magnifies these blessings to a high degree that they are the products of eternal counsel.

### **C. S. Lewis**

Novelty may fix our attention not even on the service but on the celebrant. You know what I

mean. Try as one may to exclude it, the question "What on earth is he up to now?" will intrude. It lays one's devotion waste. There is really some excuse for the man who said, "I wish they'd remember that the charge to Peter was Feed my sheep; not Try experiments on my rats, or even, Teach my performing dogs new tricks. on Liturgy

It is a good rule, after reading a new book, never allow yourself another new one till you have read an old one in between. ... We all, therefore, need the books that will correct the characteristic mistakes of our own period.

### **Thomas Cranmer**

If there were any word of God beside the Scripture, we could never be certain of God's Word; and if we be uncertain of God's Word, the devil might bring in among us a new word, a new doctrine, a new faith, a new church, a new god, yea himself to be a god. If the Church and the Christian faith did not stay itself upon the Word of God certain, as upon a sure and strong foundation, no man could know whether he had a right faith, and whether he were in the true Church of Christ, or a synagogue of Satan. On Scripture

### **John Bunyan**

Temptations, when we meet them at first, are as the lion that roared upon Samson; but if we overcome them, the next time we see them, we shall find a nest of honey within.

I begged of God that if I might do more good by being at liberty than in prison, that then I might be set at liberty, but if not, his will be done.

### **John Wesley**

There is no Liturgy in the world, either in ancient or modern language, which breathes more of a solid, scriptural, rational piety, than the Common Prayer of the Church of England

### **Augustine**

In only the elect do the sacraments accomplish what they symbolize.

He judged it better and more in accord with His power to bring some greater good even out of evil than to permit no evil whatsoever. City of God

One is the city of "belongings" here in this world; the other is the city of "longings" for God. City of God

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If a minister of the gospel is praised, he is in danger: if he is despised, he is also in danger

There is no sin which one person has committed, that another person may not commit also.

**Brother Lawrence - Nicholas Herman**

God knoweth best what is needful for us, and all that He does is for our good. If we knew how much He loves us, we should always be ready to receive equally and with indifference from His hand the sweet and the bitter.

The time of business does not with me differ from the time of prayer, and the noise and clatter of my kitchen, while several persons are at the same time calling for different things, I possess God in as great tranquillity as if I were upon my knees at the blessed sacrament.

**Cyprian**

We ought glory in nothing, because nothing is ours.

**Jeremy Taylor**

God hath given to man a short time here upon earth, and yet upon this short time eternity depends.

**Charles Haddon Spurgeon**

I do not come into this pulpit hoping that perhaps somebody will of his own free will return to Christ. My hope lies in another quarter. I hope that my Master will lay hold of some of them and say, "You are mine, and you shall be mine. I claim you for myself." My hope arises from the freeness of grace, and not from the freedom of the will.

From every town, village, and little hamlet in England, wherever it may be, there is a road to London... and so from every text in Scripture there is a road to the metropolis of the Scriptures, that is Christ. Your business is, when you get to a text, to say, 'Now, what is the road to Christ?'

You say, 'If I had a little more, I should be very satisfied.' You make a mistake. If you are not content with what you have, you would not be satisfied if it were doubled.

A Bible that's falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn't.

If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our dead bodies. And if they perish, let them perish with our arms wrapped about their knees, imploring them to stay. If Hell must be filled, let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go unwarned and unprayed for.

Visit many good books, but live in the Bible.

Nobody ever outgrows Scripture; the book widens and deepens with our years.