

# S.C.A.R.S.

The **S.C.A.R.S.** of the Faith once delivered to the saints common to Spoken-Out believers throughout all ages.

Galatians 6:17, *“From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.”*

The Spoken-Out believers have born and continue to bear the *“marks,”* that is, **scars** for this Faith.

These **S.C.A.R.S.** tell their story.

# **S.C.A.R.S.** of the Common Faith

- The Common Faith of Believers as revealed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ has come under repeated attack throughout history and will continue to come under attack in this age.
- Among the greatest attacks are the heresies of Calvinism and Arminianism.
- The Common Faith of Believers is neither!  
**S.C.A.R.S.** presents the correct understanding of the Common Faith.

# **S.C.A.R.S.** of the Common Faith

- **S**inners by nature
- **C**alled into repentance
- **A**tonement for all
- **R**ejection of Jesus Christ is rebellion against the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- **S**ealed by the Holy Spirit unto the day of redemption: Eternal Salvation

# S.C.A.R.S. of the Common Faith

**S**inners by Nature; **S**elf-Righteous by  
Choice

- Romans 3:23, *“For all have **sinned**, and come short of the glory of God.”*
- Romans 5:12, *“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have **sinned**.”*

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- Self-righteous is not a “status” acquired passively. Anyone that actively rejects the righteousness from God which is Jesus, the Lamb from God, effectively substitutes their own righteousness for that Righteousness God graciously provided (Luke 18:9-14).
- Jesus did not come to call the self-righteous He came to call sinners. The self-righteous, like the whole ones that needed no physician, were abandoned to their self-righteousness remaining forever uncalled into repentance.

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**C**alled into repentance, sinners who cause themselves to believe are chosen

- Mark 2:17, *“When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to **call** the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”*

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- Romans 4:3, *“For what saith the scripture? Abraham **believed** God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.”*
- Genesis 15:6, *“And he **believed** in the LORD, and he counted it to him for righteousness.”*
- The Hebrew text has the word translated **believed** in the causative stem, i.e. *“**he caused to believe.**”*  
The cause for believing God comes from the individual. No one makes any person believe. The believer causes himself to believe after hearing the Gospel. This is **Agent Causation.**

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**A**tonement for all; appeasement for sins

- I John 2:1-2, *“My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the **propitiation** for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.”*



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- Atonement refers to the only basis for the grace of God that is common to all humankind. Its benefits are extended to the whole human race without distinction between one person and another. **At-one-ment** with God is made available to all humanity, believer or unbeliever, by this gracious work of God.
- Apart from the atonement, no basis would exist for the extension and experience of God's grace for anyone, believer or unbeliever. Jesus' offering and sacrifice of Himself pleased His Father (propitiation); therefore, this extraordinary act affords the basis for a believer's confession and an unbeliever's repentance.
- Jesus' atoning, propitiating death on the cross makes salvation available to all, but does not make all saved.

# S.C.A.R.S. of the Common Faith

**R**ejection of Christ is rebellion against the Gospel's command to repent and believe

- Mark 1:14-15, *“Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: **repent** ye, and **believe** the gospel.”*

# S.C.A.R.S. of the Common Faith

- The instruction to believe the Gospel is a **command**, that is, it is in the imperative mode, requiring action from the hearers.
- Repenting, that is “**minding after**” the gospel and believing it are forever conjoined realities: to be repenting is to be “minding after” the Gospel, and this kind of repenting goes hand in hand with believing the Gospel.
- To refuse to be repenting, that is, to be minding after and thus to be believing the Gospel is decisive disobedience to the Gospel command.

# S.C.A.R.S. of the Common Faith

**S**ealed by the Holy Spirit unto the day of redemption: eternal salvation.

- Ephesians 1:13, *“In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise”*

# **S.C.A.R.S.** of the Common Faith

- II Corinthians 1:22, *“Who sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts”*
- Ephesians 4:30, *“And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.”*
- Hebrews 5:9, *“And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all that obey him”*

# S.C.A.R.S. of the Common Faith

- At the instant of salvation (an individual who hears, minds after and believes the message of the Gospel), the Holy Spirit indwells, that is, seals the believer.
- This sealing is the “*earnest*,” the testimony of God that a future “*day of redemption*” awaits the believer, that is, the testimony that this salvation is eternal.

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# **S.C.A.R.S.** of the Common Faith

- The usefulness of **S.C.A.R.S.** to instruct others concerning the Biblical teaching of the Common Faith. We don't just say what we aren't, but we say what we are.
- The usefulness of **S.C.A.R.S.** to witness to a non-believer concerning salvation in Christ Jesus. Notice how **S.C.A.R.S.** is a flowchart of the gospel.