

Apology — Robert Barclay — 149-150

The Inner Work of Salvation

extract of Proposition V & VI § xxiv

§ xxiv The third proposition which must be proved is this: God works the salvation of all people by means of this Light, Seed, or Grace, and many become able to participate in the benefit of Christ's death and the salvation he purchased. By these inward and effective workings many heathens have become partakers of the promises although they were not descended from Abraham in a physical way, and in the same way now some may come to be saved by Christ although God has made it impossible for them to know the history. I have already proved that Christ died for everyone, and that everyone is given a day of visitation during which salvation is possible for them, and that God has actually given a measure of saving Grace and Light to everyone, and preached the Gospel to and in them, and placed the Word of faith in their hearts. This seems to prove the proposition, but to satisfy those who desire to know the Truth and believe it as it is in Jesus, I shall prove this from two or three extremely* clear Scripture testimonies, and remove the most common and strongest objections usually brought against it.

Our theme has two parts: First, that people who hear the gospel and Christ preached outwardly are not saved except by the work of the Grace and Light in their hearts.

Second, that by this work many people have already been saved, and some may be saved in the future, although the gospel has never been preached to them outwardly, and they are utterly ignorant of the outward history of Christ.

Source: Robert Barclay, *Apology for the True Christian Divinity*, Proposition V & VI § xxiv, (Glenside PA: Quaker

Heritage Press, 2002) pp. 149-150; and Roberti Barclaii,
Teologiae verè Christianae apologia, facsimile (Amsterdam:
Jacob Claus, 1676) pp. 106-107