

# The Most Valuable Discovery

In 1847, Sir James Simpson of Edinburgh discovered the use of chloroform as an anesthetic in surgery. Some claim this to be the most significant discovery of modern medicine. In his later years, Sir James was lecturing at Edinburgh University and a student asked, "What do you consider to be the most valuable discovery of your lifetime?" He answered quickly, "My valuable discovery was when I discovered myself a sinner and that Jesus Christ was my Savior."

The book of Romans makes clear these two significant truths that Simpson articulated. The problem is sin (Romans 3:23; 6:23). Paul declares that the power of God unto salvation is the gospel of Jesus (Romans 1:16). In Christ we have the divine provision (Romans 5:8). The price that was paid is in Romans 5:9.

In Luke 15:17, the "prodigal son" came to himself, and his discovery of himself was preceded by painful experiences (Luke 15:14-16; 2 Chronicles 33:11-13). His discovery of himself was followed by reflection, determination, and action (Luke 15:17-20). A penitent person can, by the blood of Christ, return to a better way of life (Psalm 34:18; 51:17; Ezekiel 18:28). How do we contact Christ's blood? By placing our faith and trust in Jesus (Romans 5:1), confessing Christ (Romans 10:9-10), turning from our sins in repentance (Romans 2:4), and being buried with Christ in baptism (Romans 6:1-4). We then must serve Him the rest of our lives (Romans 6:12-18; 12:1-2). When you make this discovery, you have fulfilled life's supreme mission. Please contact us if you would like to study more about how to make this discovery for yourself.

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