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# THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

PART 2

## BUNYAN, A BOOK AND A BURDEN

*Reading: Psalm 84:5 & 1 Peter 2:11*

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### Introduction

- John Bunyan: former soldier & blasphemer turned preacher, pastor and author.
- '*The Pilgrim's Progress*' has never been out of print since it was first printed in 1678.
- C.H. Spurgeon: "After the Bible '*Pilgrim's Progress*' is the most important Christian book in the world."
- It is a manual for every Christian on pilgrimage to heaven.

### 1 The MAN

- Who is the man called '*Christian*'?
- He's the pilgrim on his way to the '*Celestial City*'.
- He's John Bunyan himself.
- The man is a picture of every true Christian.

- NB. When we first meet him, he's not a Christian but he has been awakened to his situation.
- Why is the man clothed in rags? [Isaiah 64:6].
- We need clothing that only God can provide us with. [Isaiah 61:10], [Titus 3:5].

## 2 The BOOK

- This is no ordinary book - it's the Bible, the Word of God.
- This book is a mirror [James 1:23] and the man is distraught over what the mirror shows him. [Romans 3:20].
- It has shown him he is a sinner, is to be brought to judgement and will be condemned to die.
- He is shown his lost condition.

## 3 The BURDEN

- The burden on his back is the guilt of his sins. [Psalm 38:4].
- '*Would you be free from your burden of sin?*' [Matthew 11:28].
- Christian needs to get rid of this burden, but how?
- This man is experiencing conviction of sin.
- He needs to go to the cross.

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