



# Pastor's Comments

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### “Just As I Am”

Charlotte Elliot, a beautiful young girl, was preparing herself for a great ball. Full of anticipation, she started out to her dressmaker. On the way, she met her pastor, an earnest, faithful man. He reasoned and pled with her to stay away from the ball and its degrading influences. Greatly vexed, she finally answered, **“I wish you would mind your own business!”** Charlotte, cheerful and vivacious, attended the ball – but her gaiety was forced, for thoughts of the pastor’s earnest entreaties kept passing through her mind. When she returned to her room, **her conscience made her wretched.** After three days of misery, she went to the minister. “For three days I have been the most wretched girl in the world,” she cried. “Now I want to be a Christian. What must I do?”

“Just give yourself to the Lamb of God,” the pastor replied. **“Come to Him just as you are!”** “What! **Just as I am?**” Miss Elliot asked. “Do you know that I am one of the worst sinners in the world? How can God accept me **just as I am?**” Charlotte went to her room, knelt down and offered God her heart, guilty and vile as it was, to be cleansed. **As she prayed, peace – full, overflowing – filled her soul.** As she pondered the miracle that had transpired within her by the grace of the Lord Jesus, she had a keen desire to write down the feelings of her heart. She penned these lines: **“Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me, and that Thou bidd’st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come.”** Other stanzas followed until the immortal hymn was finished. For over one hundred years, it has helped repentant sinners to find Christ. Jesus now invites you to **come to Him just as you are.** Believe His words, **“Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out”** (John 6:37).