

Jean Henry Dunant was born into a Christian home in Switzerland in 1828. He grew up to be very successful in business. Those business interests brought him into contact with many dignitaries and world leaders.

On one occasion he needed the help of Napoleon III, Emperor of France, with a business venture in Algeria. Dunant had bought up vast areas of land to grow crops, but he needed water and he needed Napoleon's signature to secure those water rights. Failure to do so would mean the loss of his crops and bankruptcy. Unfortunately Napoleon had other things on his mind, being at war with Austria.

Despite the danger, however, Dunant was determined to speak with Napoleon, so off he went to the battlefield at Solfering. He arrived on the evening of 24th June 1859. That day had seen the worst of the fighting. 23,000 soldiers lay wounded and dying with little being done to help them. Henry was greatly shocked. With compassion he and some local volunteers helped all who were injured. He paid for the medical supplies and set up makeshift hospital tents. Upon returning home from this terrible ordeal, Henry formed a worldwide movement known as the "Red Cross".

That organization still exists today, and is always on hand to help in whatever way it can.

The flag of the "Red Cross" is very striking - a red cross on a white background. It got me

thinking about spiritual matters. First of all, that battlefield with all its carnage and destruction reminds me of the awfulness of sin. Sin pulls us down. Sin wounds, wrecks and destroys lives and as at Solferino, few seem to care. But then, secondly, there was Dunant's compassion for all those injured soldiers. This reminds me of the love and compassion of the Saviour for poor lost sinners languishing in their sin. Then, finally, the flag reminds me of the place called Calvary where the Saviour gave His all for us so that we might be saved, cleansed, healed and raised up to life anew. I hope that you are not still languishing in sin today, but that you are saved by the loving hand of the Lord Jesus Christ!



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"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5 v 8

Quiz:

I've missed out some letters in typing out this well-known verse found in Isaiah 1. Make a list of those three letters. Then rearrange them and add them into the word that best describes the type of person found in the verse.

<u>__rom the so__e o__ the __oot even unto the head there __s no</u> soundness __n __t; but wounds, and bru__ses, and putr__ _y_ng sores: they have not been c_osed, ne_ther bound up, ne__ther_mo__ __ __ed w__th o__ntment."

Answer:

The person described in the verse is like a "s __ n __ u __ person"

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