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THE following true narrative is given in brief, from memory, as illustrative of the order of divine work in the soul according to scripture. Overhearing a conversation with a patient in the same ward in a hospital, upon whom the gospel of God's grace was being pressed for faith, this one declared with emphasis that she "did not believe a word of it;" but with the request to the speaker to come nearer, as it was an effort for her to talk. She said she had been a Jewess, and was now a Christian; but that she did not believe what she had just heard. Her grounds for claiming to be a Christian were that she had been baptized and confirmed as a member of the Episcopal Church, having given up Judaism, and thought there was nothing more required; but admitted that she was not justified before God; nor had she peace with Him. She believed the New Testament was a revelation from God, and believed that "Jesus is the Christ," and was therefore "born of God," and had eternal life.—(1 John v. 1. 9-13). But she was a stranger to the blessings of the gospel, and the troubled expression of her face proved it, notwithstanding the effort to hide her anxiety as to her soul, for she had no hopes of recovery from her illness.

Judaism had been formally renounced for Christianity, outwardly, but she was still making Israel's old mistake of seeking to establish a righteousness