

to his wicked suggestions. Sometimes they think that they can feel that all is right, and hope springs up, accompanied with a gleam of joy; at other times they feel cold and dead, and then, dark, dark clouds overshadow them.

But now, let us turn to the word. What light and direction have we from it on this subject? Does not the Lord say, plainly enough, *by His written word*, mark, that all who look to Him as the Saviour, or come to Him—hear Him—believe in Him—trust in Him—are saved? He never says, “may be—will be—or canⁱ be,” but, “are saved.” His word meets every state of a soul that has been moved towards Him by the Holy Spirit. The word assures the coming one, that He “will in no wise cast out.” Here, it is assurance of acceptance. But, my sins, my sins! it exclaims. Again the word replies, “thy sins are forgiven.” When Christ receives a sinner, He must put away his sins. He cannot receive them. Or, as the prophet says, “And thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea?” But whose sins? The sins of all who believe in Jesus. But what is meant by “the depths of the sea?” It means they will be cast, where they can never be traced. If you cast a thing into the depths of the sea, you can trace it no more for ever. Thus God and faith get rid of sin. And not *some* sins, observe, but “*all* their sins.” Thus, the sinner can rejoice, through believing God’s word, that he now rests securely in Jesus, and that all his sins are at the bottom of the sea—sunk in the untraceable depths of the deep waters of God’s ever-

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