

saved, and if you ask, "How, and by whom?" the unanimous response would be: "We are here, saved only, fully, and forever by the blood of the Lamb, slain on Calvary."

Reader, to-day you are neither in heaven or hell, but you are lost or saved, ready for heaven or hell! which is it? Have you thought up to this that all is right between your soul and God? You enjoy a good reputation perhaps among your acquaintances, but would you like to find yourself suddenly in the presence of God? Would you like to *dwell* with Him? Let me beg of you to do as the one whose history I have just repeated. Go straight to God, go to Him now and say to Him: "If I am doing evil, O God, show me how and in what."

Know this, that if you have never gone to God as a lost sinner, you have never gone to Him at all. You may have been a preacher of the gospel, and yet be lost. Preaching does not save; good works do not save; salvation is only in Christ. In the scriptural sense, according to the word of God, good works only flow from salvation, they never procure it. In the first place, the grace of God bringeth salvation; then it teaches us to renounce ungodliness and fleshly lusts, and to live soberly, righteously and piously, and to be zealous of good works. If you reverse the order, you will never possess the one, or accomplish the others. In order that a work be really good, it must not proceed from self. Prove your good works, and see if they have not their origin and motive in self, instead of coming from pure and disinterested love for God.