

to the sinner in order that he may believe and repent. It is pardon through the blood of Jesus. It is the message of God to the sinner, it is to you that He now addresses it, based upon the death of the Redeemer, the message of grace and pardon is proclaimed in all the world, it is announced to all, you have only to accept it for yourself and thereby enjoy the forgiveness of sins."

As I spoke to him of the salvation which is in Christ, I saw that he listened with increasing interest. At length he said.

"I had always thought that God could not love me until I became better, and that is the reason I so earnestly desired to repent."

"And there is just where you have deceived yourself," I replied "God loves you now, and the cross of Christ shows you how much He loves you—let this thought of the love of God fill your heart, and my visit will not have been fruitless—thereupon I left him. When I came to see him again it was easy to resume conversation on the subject he had at first so resisted.

"What you said to me has constantly occupied my mind," were the words with which he received me when I entered his room. "When I look at the cross my soul is enlightened, but there are many things I cannot understand; you say that God loves us as we are. Does not this make repentance useless?"

"No," I replied, "Repentance is turning to God. You know the parable of the prodigal son—If any one had said to him when he was feeding the swine,

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