

but whether the faith is in the right object or not. And this is most important to keep in remembrance. Ask yourself, then, my reader, "is my faith in the Lord Jesus Christ alone; or, is it faith in Jesus and something else, whatever it may be?"

When the Lord Jesus saved that "woman of the city which was a sinner," He did not say to her, "the strength of thy faith hath saved thee," but simply "thy faith hath saved thee" Luke vii. 50. The reader of these lines, therefore, if anxious to be saved, need not compare his faith with that of others, since Jesus says, "thy faith hath saved thee." It is your own faith in the right object, Jesus Christ, that saves you; not its strength or amount. "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Acts xvi. 31.

But there is another thing, God does not accept any person according to the strength or amount of their faith; nor yet according to their estimate of the sacrifice of Christ; but according to His own estimate of that sacrifice. What a comforting thought for anxious souls! Yea, what a cheer to all Christians! God alone can estimate the value of that sacrifice which is infinite. We cannot, and never shall be able to. Yet He does not withhold that acceptance, nor dispense it according to our apprehension or appreciation of it; but He accepts us according to all His own thoughts of that glorious sacrifice. "It shall be accepted for you, to make atonement for you." Lev. i. 4.

Oh! do keep this fact clear before

the soul—that everything that needs to be done for your salvation, has been done, it is all finished. All the judgment has been borne by the divinely appointed victim. Yes, the sacrifice has been offered, the blood shed, and the divinely appointed High Priest has sprinkled the blood of atonement on and before the throne of God in the holiest of all. Every question, both as to sins and sin, has been settled, and settled forever, by Jesus, "who bore our sins in His own body on the tree" 1 Pet. ii. 24, and was "made sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" 2 Cor. v. 21; blessed be His holy name for ever and ever! Yes; all is done, finished, completed. The rent veil, the vacant cross, the empty tomb, the occupied throne, all say, in language which cannot be mistaken, it is finished! The sacrifice has been offered and accepted, and atonement has been made according to God's estimate of the person and work of His beloved Son.

What, then, is the ground of our salvation? Is it the sacrifice of Christ; or is it our faith in Him? Surely it is His sacrifice! Yes, it is, and nothing else! Shall we then occupy our hearts with our faith? Shall we not rather "look unto Him and be saved?" Isa. xlv. 22. Let us look, and look, and continue to look, not at our faith, but unto Jesus and be saved.

My reader, if anxious, you need not say, like many, "I wish I had your faith." If you had, it would do you no good, for it would be mine and not yours, whereas it is