

no one; and unless the knowledge of it is founded on the word of God, and that alone, for every one individually, it will be sinking sand for a death-bed. Scores of anxious people have been deluded into the idea that they knew the gospel when some pleasing emotion passed through their minds."

"Is there nothing about this 'feeling saved' in the Bible?"

"Indeed there is not. You can easily satisfy yourself by turning to a concordance. Never once is the word put beside 'salvation,' 'forgiveness,' or, in fact anything about a man's peace with God."

"But we find in Luke i. 77, that part of John's commission is declared to be 'to give knowledge of salvation.'"

"Did Abraham feel he was to have a son when he was so old? No; but he knew. And how did he know it? Because God said it. He felt glad because he knew it, because he believed what God said. It is really because people do not believe that God means exactly what He says that we see so many intelligent men who cannot say whether they are saved or not."

"But I have often thought that I had received Christ and trusted in Him alone, but I find my faith so incapable of producing effects."

"But did you start saying, 'I am saved,' before trying to do anything?"

"Oh, no; I was always waiting for fruits."

"Fruits of what? Fruits of doubt? Suppose you had got the right fruits, would you then have believed you were saved?"

"Oh, yes."