

go to Joseph. It was a waste of time to go to any one else. So also there is but one to whom hungering souls must go if they would not perish for ever—they must go to Christ.

Such is the doctrine of St. Peter,—“No salvation but by Jesus Christ;—in him plenty of salvation,—salvation to the uttermost,—salvation for the very chief of sinners;—out of him no salvation at all.” It is in perfect harmony with our Lord’s own words in St John: “I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me.” (John xiv. 6.) It is the same thing that Paul tells the Corinthians: “Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.” (1 Cor. iii. 11.) And the same that John tells us in his First Epistle: “God had given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.” (1 John v. 12.) All these texts come to one and the same point—no salvation but by Jesus Christ.

Reader, make sure that you understand this. Perhaps you think this is all old news. Perhaps you feel, “These are ancient things: who knoweth not such truths as these? Of course we believe there is no salvation but by Christ.” But mark well what I say; make sure that you understand this doctrine.

Remember that you are to venture the whole salvation of your soul on Christ, and on Christ only. You are to cast loose completely and entirely from all other hopes and trusts. You are not to rest partly on Christ—partly on doing all you can—partly on keeping your church—partly on receiving the sacrament. In the matter of your justification Christ is to be *all*. This is the doctrine of the Bible.

Remember that heaven is before you, and Christ the only door into it:—hell beneath you, and Christ alone able to deliver you from it:—the devil behind you, and Christ the only refuge from his wrath and accusations:—the law against you, and Christ alone able to redeem you:—sin weighing you down, and Christ alone able to put it away. This is the doctrine of the Bible.

Now do you see it? I hope you do. But I fear many think so who may find one day that they do not.

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“Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not.” “Him that cometh unto me, I will in nowise cast out.”