

PEACE IN BELIEVING.

VII.

DEAR friend:—You will find enclosed a letter which the friend of whom I have recently spoken has written. May the Lord bless the reading of it to you. May you be encouraged to put *all* your confidence in Jesus—He has certainly done enough and suffered enough to wholly win every heart.

I am glad to hear that your sister has found peace. In the letter which tells me this you ask me various questions. I will take them up and answer them in the order presented—as far as possible in the very words of God, as the Lord may enable me.

1st question: Does God love us whether we believe or not? Or rather does He love us only when we believe?

Reply: “Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”—(1 Jno. iv, 10.)

“But God commendeth his love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”—(Rom. v, 8.)

“But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, *even when we were dead in sins*, hath quickened us together with Christ.”—(Eph. ii. 4. 5.)

2nd question: Can I say that I have faith in the blood of Jesus while I am not able to assert that I have been washed from my sins in His blood?

Reply: Had not the dying thief faith in Jesus

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