

4, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because He trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord forever, for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength." John 5: 24, "He that heareth My word and believeth in him that sent Me hath everlasting life," and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death into life. John 1: 12, "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to those that believe on His name." Suppose you meet a beggar on the street, and say, "Here's a quarter," What is he to do? To receive it; that is all. All we have to do to become sons of God, is to receive Christ. Acts 10: 43, "To Him give all the prophets witness, that through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sin." Acts 13: 39, "And by Him all that," What? Turn over a new leaf? No. Do the best they can? No. Keep on trying? No, but: "All that *believe* ARE justified from all things." Acts 16: 31, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, Christ and thou shalt be saved." Romans 4: 5, "To him that worketh not, but believeth." Many people read that hurriedly and get into trouble with it. Suppose I take up my watch, or move my hand to the head, have I not worked? "But to Him that worketh not." Don't move, but sit right still, "but *believeth on Him* that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." There is not one sinner in a million believes that. He wants to make himself a little bit more godly, to do a little bit to merit the blessing. But God says, "No, I am not going to give you a bit of merit. It has got to be all Christ or it will not be at all." All a man's works, his tears, his missionary zeal will not do anything to secure his salvation. Faith is the only thing we must have. Some years ago a doctor from Burlington came where I was holding some meetings. He said, he had been a member of the church for a number of years, but had got no comfort out of it. Said he, I cannot stand it any longer, and thought perhaps I might get some help here." I said, "My friend, the trouble is, you don't believe the Bible." "You are mistaken, I believe every word of the Bible." "Then open it at Romans 4: 5, and read it." He read it out rapidly. I said, "That is not the way to read the Bible. Read it slowly." He did so. "Now read it again, and again." Again he read it, and marked the punctuation. "To him that worketh not." I asked him what it was to work. "Why," he said, "It is to do something." "But *believeth on Him* that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." And turning to his friend, he said, "I declare, I never saw that before, and the tears rolled down his face, and he rose off his chair, and began to pray, and thanked God for what he had found. 1 John 5: 1, "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God." That is a grand text for an enquiry meeting. Make the enquirer read it for himself. Ask him, "Do