

No, this he had not. Ah, how true it is "*progress is not peace,*" for it's one thing to believe that the Lord will not turn me away, and quite another to be at home in the Father's presence, having on "the best robe," *knowing*, in joy of heart that all has been eternally settled for me, through Jesus perfect work on Calvary's cross, and that the question of my sins will never come up before God, "this, this indeed is peace." No, O no, he had not learned this, for a few minutes later, like the prodigal again, who said, "I am not worthy to be called Thy son," we hear this convicted soul saying, "O that I had done some good; I would not feel half so bad if I had only done a little good—something for God, but to come 'sneaking into heaven,' so undeserving," for this is what he felt, as he wiped away at his eyes, while his voice grew dry and husky. Well, how blessed to know *God always finishes the work he begins*, and so, sooner or later, if the work be His, this dear soul will be led into the full enjoyment of a child, KNOWING, that his sins are forever gone from before God, and that He is IN the Son before the Father (Heb. x. 17. Eph. i. 3-7).

Reader, where are you as to all this?

"He that hath the Son hath life; he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

"I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."

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