

beside the Almighty in this work. There is no need of it. It was a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice. It wants nothing to finish it. The work is all done—done long, long ago. The efficacy of the sacrifice was absolute and able to wash away all sin. There remains nothing for man to do. The declaration of a dying Saviour proclaimed to a ransomed world that the whole work of salvation was finished. The sting of sin lost its power in the wound it inflicted in our Blessed Redeemer. All our sins were borne in His body on the accursed tree. And if He has borne them, why should we bear them? If He has paid the penalty are not we then free? How plainly the Scriptures speak on this point! "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin." "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." "We have redemption through the blood of Christ, the forgiveness of sins according to the riches of His grace." And when we remember these grand and glorious statements all bearing on the question of the efficacy of the sacrifice we cannot but assent to the deduction of St. Paul: "Therefore, we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law;" "for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."

Now this is a grand ground of assurance. There could be no better. We need only to embrace the offer, and we are sure of salvation. It does not rest