

I tried to picture their former condition, and the blessings of pardon and adoption in which they professed to be sharers: tried to show what salvation accomplished for the believer—from what it delivered, and to what it exalted him, and what obligations it carried with it. Several sermons were preached along this line, but not one word said in reference to the unsaved.

The church began to realize, as never before, the greatness and glory of being a child of God; began to see, as never before, the peril of the unsaved. Their prayers grew full of thanksgiving, and soon full of intercession. The privilege of Christians to be co-workers with God, and their responsibility for the conversion of souls around them, as never before, took hold of pastor and people.

I felt that the time had come for *personal effort*; that many in the church were ready for it, and that even the *most timid could work wonders*.

The double text above indicated was therefore taken. No word of the sermon was written. It was indeed chosen scarce an hour before its delivery. God had given the text and He marvelously inspired the thoughts used in developing and enforcing it.

Here is the skeleton:

1. THE SOUL ABOVE ALL PRICE.

This shown:

(a) In what God has done to redeem it.

(b) In its inevitable immortality.

(c) In what it can enjoy or suffer.

2. THE CONDITION OF THE CHRIST-LESS.

(a) They are now lost and must be saved, or will be forever lost.

(b) They can be saved.

(c) God seeks to save them.

3. GOD USES THE SAVED TO SAVE OTHERS.

(a) By moving them to prayer for others.

(b) By influencing them to seek others.

(c) By giving them power over others.

(d) By holding them responsible for the salvation of others.

4. WHY WISE IN SEEKING THE UNSAVED?

(a) Because their salvation largely depends upon seeking them.

(b) Because in saving others you do them the greatest good.

(c) Because in saving others you do self the greatest good.

QUESTIONS.

1. Who is willing that any in his household or in the community should perish through his fault?

2. Who is willing to undertake the work of saving a soul?

3. What soul will you choose to seek for God and glory?

At this point I paused and asked every Christian present, with bowed head to fix upon *some one or more* of the unsaved, whose salvation he was willing to pledge God he would seek with all his heart. The congregation bowed. What a moment that was! Tears were in many eyes! Soon I said: "Beloved, you know the one you have selected for your prayer and effort. God, too, knows the one. With a word of prayer the congregation was dismissed. From that moment men and women went forth *winning souls*. The blessed work began and went on. The divine Spirit seemed to take possession of every heart. Children in the home were never sought for Christ as on that night! The unsaved in the community were never sought for Christ as on the next day, and on many a succeeding day. The conversation in stores and offices, on the streets and everywhere, was of Christ and his great salvation. Soon the chapel would not hold the number crowding in to hear the Word of Life.

Ere long inquirers came and converts multiplied until scarce a soul