

## YOUR SINS

**H**AVE you met God about your sins? Have you answered this solemn question? Where is thy brother? Why is He not here? He had eternal life. No one—not only no man, but *no one* had power to take it away, He laid it down of Himself. His death might seem like the death of any other: but it did differ most essentially from any beside. It was the death of a man who was a divine person. Not all the legions of Rome could have taken it from Him, had He not given it up Himself. He was the willing prisoner, and the willing sacrifice. When the band of armed men came to take Him, after proving with what perfect ease He could baffle His persecutors—for when He said, “I am He,” they went backward and fell to the ground—He gave Himself into their hands, and yet men take advantage of His love to deny His power,—take advantage of His humiliation to gainsay His glory? Alas! men refuse to commit their souls, without an anxious thought, to that precious blood whose virtue is proclaimed in God’s own word. Strange, that in these days of such an extensive circulation of the word of God, there should be so little real belief in its power. The Turk, with his Koran, believes what it tells him; goes through his prayers, ablutions, and forms, and is satisfied that he is one of the faithful. But those who have God’s word are afraid to trust Him; afraid lest after all their sins should rise up against them; but what does God proclaim that blood for? Either the death of Christ is of no value; or no sin of scarlet dye

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