

of the message of redeeming love.— A Christian servant came to live in the house, from whom Ida heard of the power and preciousness of the name of Jesus. The glad tidings of peace, through the blood of the cross, were a new sound to her, and the Lord inclined Ida's heart to listen, and awakened in her a desire to hear more.

As Ida and the lady who had asked her to take shelter from the storm entered the room, a gentleman was speaking on these words in John xi., "Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on Him." The words at once caught the girl's attention, and the speaker, without knowing he was addressing one in a like condition, went on to show the need and the supply, the disease and the remedy.

Truth, that often falls wearily on thoughtless souls, because so often heard, was listened to eagerly by Ida. She heard of Him who went down into the dust of death for her; heard that God is just, and the Justifier of him that believeth on Jesus.

To her the glad tidings were as the rising of the sun in the darkness of the night. She believed, not because her intellect was satisfied, or because the reasonings of unbelief were stilled, but because she found in the salvation that is in Christ Jesus enough to satisfy both heart and soul, and give her rest for ever. She heard the things that Jesus did, and believed on Him.

Ida had now learned the blessed truth that in Christ Jesus there is neither Jew nor Gentile, bond nor free, but that Christ is all and in all.

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### MAN'S LOVE OF HUMAN PERFECTION.

"The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, he cannot know them, because they are spiritually discerned." He can reason about God and the truths of His Word, can acquire an intellectual understanding of some things which God has revealed, but to really know them he cannot, "they are foolishness unto him." But when it comes to man's things, he can glory in them, understand them, put heart and soul into pushing the claims of man.

There is at this day a very strong effort to do away as far as possible with the bad effects of the fall in and by merely human strength and wisdom. This has characterized man in every age, but in this day of intellectual and inventive activity, man is striving harder than ever to attain a sort of human perfection in all lines of human activity. But God will be honored in the end, and defeat all man's strivings after perfection.

One line of human effort is to get rid of disease and to put off sickness and death. These are feared and hated by the natural man; sickness and pain are sharp reminders of man's weakness and the frailty of his body. What would men be were there no limit by sickness and old age (to say nothing of death) to his sinful activities? But all these keep ever reminding man of what he is, forcing upon him the reality of his true condition. Hence all the efforts of the enemy to help man to rid himself of sickness. It seems as though that at this day, almost every system of error has healing of the body con-