

From what has been stated in the Bible, nothing can stand between any sinner and God's friendship, but that sinner's own determined carelessness or foolishly wicked doubts. God has, by the circumstances of the crucifixion of Jesus, called our attention to the fact that His own eternal Son has actually bled and suffered for our sins, in our room and stead. He has given us every proof possible, that He earnestly desires our everlasting well-being. If we do not trust Him after what He has done, whom or what shall we, or can we, trust. If we have not faith in what Jesus has done for us—if we do not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, "whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood"—are we not either culpably careless or wilfully blind? "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" (Heb. ii. 3.)

We have thus endeavoured to explain the way of salvation by *faith in Christ Jesus*—the propitiation. Our labour had been less by many degrees, had systems of mere human belief been fewer in number, and closer to the truth of God. My friend, we hope your Bible is by your side. Search we pray you—search for yourself—search the Scriptures for yourself. Eternal life is worth the search of a million such lives as you have to spend on earth. May the Spirit of God be by you, whispering in words more distinct than any man can utter, the truth concerning the way of salvation.

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"HE DECLINED ANSWERING."

The above is the heading of a short anecdote contained in the "Canada Observer, and Presbyterian Advocate" of Wednesday, the 19th January. The anecdote is the following.—

"Many years ago a pious Scotchman of my acquaintance had a neighbour who professed to doubt God's electing love, and railed against predestination. My Scotch friend quietly said to him, 'Will you permit me to ask you a few questions.' As many as you please," was the reply.

"Will you tell me then, in what state is man born?"

"In a state of sin," was the ready answer.

"Is a change of heart necessary?"

"Most certainly," was the prompt reply.

"Who is the author of the change?"

"God," was the reverential answer.