

1. That the Scriptures teach that salvation is by *faith alone*—simple faith in Jesus. The Saviour represents freedom from sin as the result of the knowledge of the truth. "Ye shall *know the truth*, and the truth shall make you free," John viii. 32. In his address to the anxious Jewish Ruler, Nicodemus, Jesus teaches that whosoever *believes* in himself as God's gift of love to the world, as a Saviour—a sin-atoning Saviour—shall not perish, but have everlasting life. John iii. 16. In his prayer to his Father, after he had delivered his valedictory discourse, and before he endured his Gethsemane agony, Jesus said, "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." John xvii. 3. Paul, in answer to the Philippian jailor's question, "What must I do to be saved?" replied, "*Believe* on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Acts xvi. 32, 33. It is noteworthy that Paul, who certainly was competent to guide an anxious sinner, did not tell the jailor to work or to pray, or to work and pray; but at once to BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ. Addressing the Romans, Paul says, The gospel "is the power of God unto salvation to every one that *believeth*." Rom. i. 16. This passage teaches that not only is salvation by faith, but also that a person cannot believe the gospel and continue unsaved. If the gospel is "the power of God unto salvation TO EVERY ONE THAT BELIEVETH," no one can believe it, and fail to experience it to be "the power of God unto salvation." To be saved, then, dear reader, you have not a great work to do. You simply need to believe on him that justifieth the ungodly. Jesus has finished the work on the ground of which your soul is to be saved, and the Father has accepted that finished work. Look not to your own doings; look not to your own prayers; look not to your tears, as if you needed to move Jehovah to look on you with favour, for God has so loved you that he has given Jesus to atone for your sins. Look not into your own heart to find peace and comfort. Look away from every other object to Jesus, who so loved you that he died for you, and thus find acceptance with God. Consider

2. That faith is belief. There is not one way of believing common things, and another way of believing the gospel. When you come to see that you are to be saved by believing in Jesus, your attention is prone to be occupied with believing as an act of mind, and not with the glorious object of faith—Jesus as your atoning Saviour. Now as in seeing or hearing, it is the object seen or heard that produces the peculiarity of emotion which is experienced, and not the mere act of seeing or hearing, so in believing in Jesus, it is the truth about Jesus which