

4. When we have gone to Christ, and Christ has received us, we no longer stand alone before God. We are joined to Christ by a living faith, and have become one with him.

5. Now, when God's Law looks at us, it sees Christ rather than us. And God, accepting Christ, accepts us, who are *in* Christ. God will not separate the sinner and his Saviour.

6. Christ's Household are not without law, but "under law to Christ." Christ gives us, as the rules of His Household, the same law He Himself obeyed—The Ten Commandments.

7. The law that once condemned us is now our joy and study. Christ's perfect obedience is set to our account, and His Spirit daily helps us, in our holiness and obedience.

X. THE ATONEMENT.

1. The Atonement is the work of Christ for us.
2. We had all broken God's Law. The Law says sin must be punished.

3. Christ became man that he might show a perfect obedience, and to suffer the punishment due to sin.

4. These sins were ours—for He was without sin.

5. God accepted Christ in our stead. He showed this by the statements of His Word; and also by raising Christ from the dead, and taking Him to glory.

6. God, having accepted Christ for us, has thus pledged himself to accept all who trust Christ, and not to punish them for their sins—for that would be *twice* punishing!

7. Christ, being our Creator, had a right to suffer for us without consulting us. We become a party to the transaction by accepting what is already done.

XI. REPENTANCE AND FAITH.

1. Repentance is turning back from sin. There is generally much sorrow with it. God's Spirit teaches us repentance.

2. Faith is belief. We learn what Christ said and did, and believe him and trust him.

3. Salvation through faith takes away all human merit. It is not through what we have done, but through what Christ has done. Our only connection, therefore, with God's salvation, is our connection with Christ.

4. A strong faith will excel in works of obedience. He who loves Christ most will serve Him best.

5. The strongest plea to draw men to faith, is Christ's love. Where sinners come to know that Christ already loves them, they begin to love Him. And where this love is there is faith.

6. We must not wait for faith as men wait for rain; but we must use faith, as men use bread when they are hungry.

7. In all these things the Spirit is our teacher.

XII. ASSURANCE.

1. Assurance is the certainty of faith. Faith rests upon Christ's work and Christ's promises. No other faith is reliable.

2. Such faith makes the believer joyful. The abiding and strengthening of this joyful faith is "Assurance."

3. Joyful and rapturous feelings may not always be assurance; it depends upon the foundation of those feelings.

4. If they are built on Christ's promises and work they are good. If they only look at something we ourselves have done, or are doing, they will fail.

5. Though salvation does not depend upon having a strong assurance, yet it is a great loss not to have it, and a Christian without it does not glorify God as a Christian should.

6. Assurance is a gift of the Spirit, which God is willing to bestow upon every one of His children.

AN EXPERIMENT IN BIBLE STUDY.

I have been making an experiment, and as it has proved a success, I venture to tell about it. The experiment was aimed to excite among us a more general and more earnest interest in Bible study. To do this by means of written examinations, was my plan. In the public schools, examinations are a help in the study of Geography and Physics; will they not in the Sunday School also be a help in the study of the Bible? With this in my mind, I chose last Spring, the Life of Jesus, for our study. I announced my purpose, prepared an outline, harmony of the Gospels, distributing forty copies for use in family worship and private reading, preached every Sunday morning of the