

When, therefore, a sinner is saved, it is not because of something which Christ is to do for him *in the future*, but in virtue of what He has done for him *in the past*.

Now, dear reader, what has Christ done for *you* in the past? You reply: "He died for me." True; but are you at this moment saved? "No," you say, "but I hope hereafter to be so." But why wait *till the future*? Why not believe and be saved *now*? Is it possible that when Christ has fulfilled all the righteousness, and borne all the wrath of the law for you in the *past*, you must still wait for some unknown time in the future before you can be saved? Certainly not. "Now is the accepted time; now is the day of salvation." Only two reasons could possibly compel you to wait even till to-morrow for salvation, and these would be, either (1) that a sufficient sacrifice had *yet* to be made for all your sins, or (2) that a perfect satisfaction having been already offered, you had *still to wait* for an invitation from God to accept it. As regards the first, please with gratitude observe that a sacrifice so tremendous, so infinitely perfect, so eternal in all