

Christians, meaning well, perhaps, but not acting boldly and decisively, having no real dealing with Christ, no *personal* transaction with the Saviour of sinners, and, therefore, securing to yourselves no interest in His great salvation! Oh, be wise in time! The Lord Jesus is now inviting you to come to Him. His message of mercy is before you. I beseech you, my friends, if you have never come to Christ before, come to Him now! Hear His gracious voice, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters!" Believe that "faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners!" Show that you do believe it, by acting up to it. The Lord Jesus stands ready to save all who will be saved, all who will come unto God by Him. "Oh, it is a blessed thing to belong to Christ, to be his people! The hairs of their head are all numbered, and the Lord cares for every one of them. They are all kept on earth till they are ripe and ready for glory, and not one moment longer. No disease can touch them till the Lord gives the word!"\* When they come to their deathbed, "the everlasting arms" are round about them, and "make all their bed in their sickness." And, when they die, they breathe their last in their Redeemer's arms, they fall asleep in Jesus, and are at once carried, like Lazarus, into Abraham's bosom. In life and in death the true believer realises, in his own happy experience, the fulfilment of that sweet promise relating to Christ, "a man

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