

The father was a pious Catholic, who, in the presence of eternity, had long been occupied with serious thoughts, but who was still far from a settlement of the question as to how he, a sinner, would be able to meet a holy and righteous God, and to dwell in His presence. He opened wide his eyes on hearing his daughter speak thus, and asked her for an explanation of her words. Annie recounted simply what she had heard and what had occurred to her. She told her father that God has declared in His word that all are sinners, and as such are unable by themselves to enter the glory of God in heaven, but that God, in His love for us, has given us His Son for a Saviour, who has borne on the cross the punishment due for our sins.

"Then," she added, "the word of God says that the blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, cleanses from all sin those who put their trust in Him.

As for the young girl, so also for the soul of the aged father, these truths so grand, and at the same time so simple, were sweet and precious. He also found by faith the efficacy of the blood of Jesus, the pardon of his sins, and peace with God. He was able thenceforth to celebrate with a happy heart, the riches of the grace of God, who has prepared so great salvation for lost man.

The following day his son Charles came to pay him a visit. The sick man reached his hand to him and, by way of salutation, said :

"Charles, the blood of Jesus Christ only, can make you pure before God."