

The statement, "worthy of all acceptance" means :

1. That Christ Jesus is worthy of acceptance as Teacher, Exemplar, Sacrifice, Saviour, King, and in every sense in which He is presented to us in the word. Said an eminent Unitarian, "I believe Him to be my judge." "If judge then why not believe Him to be your Saviour," replied a friend.

We need Him especially as Saviour to save us from the love and power as well as from the guilt of sin. Surely no one can expect that he may cherish any sin, and yet have Christ Jesus and be saved. This is a contradiction in terms. If saved we are saved from sin. "A man cannot be made white and yet continue black, he cannot be healed and yet continue sick, neither can one be saved and be still a lover of sin." Will you hold on to your sin and go to hell, or accept Christ Jesus, be saved from sin, and go to heaven. There is no other choice. If you put off deciding, or neglect to think of the matter, you choose sin and its consequence, and next Sabbath it may be too late to choose Christ and its salvation—reason may be gone, the Spirit departed or death who is busy amongst us may not wait for your repentance or the comfort of your friends. Accept Christ Jesus now, in every office and aspect of His being, but especially as saviour from sin, for it is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

2. Worthy of the acceptance of all kinds of sinners. If Satan can no longer make you believe that you are in no great need of salvation he will tell you that you are too great a sinner to be saved. How often the awakened sinner says, "I have sinned too long and too grievously to be saved." Let me answer that. "Christ Jesus is able to save even to the uttermost." Saul of Tarsus was one of the greatest of sinners. His very breath was that of threatening and slaughter to the disciples of the Lord, and his soul was stained with their blood. That he was saved is positive proof that Christ Jesus came to save the worst of sinners. At the Fulton street prayer meeting, a man said that though he had a praying mother yet he became a reckless prodigal, but that upon his mother's death he felt that he ought to get into better company. He thought he would join the Oddfellows. They enquired about his character and finding that he was a drunken sailor, they black-balled him. They didn't want him. He went to the Free Masons.