

more satisfied with myself." Oh, what self-righteousness! God's design all through life is to make you dissatisfied with yourself, and more satisfied with Christ and His work for you. It is this ever-deepening sense of your own sinfulness alone, that will drive you out of yourself to look at Jesus. The more sinful you see yourself to be, the more precious will Christ appear; the less precious Christ appears, the more will you become satisfied with yourself. Look to Jesus.

Perhaps you say in despair, "What am I to do? I have no peace." Do nothing; only believe that Christ has done all. He has done the work of salvation, and done it for you. "Only believe." A father sends a letter full of good news to his child. What will make the child glad and happy? Simply believing it. God the Father has sent you a message—"He that believeth on Me hath everlasting life." What will make you glad and happy? Simply believing it. Salvation does not consist in feeling certain influences on the soul, but in believing the Spirit's testimony of Christ in the word of God. It is the Spirit of God showing to the soul the Lord Jesus and His finished work.

But is it not presumptuous for any man to say that "the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from every sin;" to say, in other words, that he stands before God free from every charge of sin? A man is not called presumptuous because, when God tells him that the world was drowned by the flood, he believes it: and yet if a man, on the same testimony, believes that he has the pardon of his sins, and

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