

"simple belief of the truth" has not yet brought him to the true source of pardon and purity. Again I not unfrequently meet with persons who go to the very opposite extreme, and altogether undervalue the simple truth. They employ themselves with some mysterious workings of their own mind, and are continually attempting to put forth great efforts, which they call resting on Christ. Now nothing is clearer than that such persons are making a Saviour of their own feelings. Such persons despise the word of truth altogether. They will give you long, incoherent and ridiculous stories about their *conversion* and *experience*, and these they make the ground of their faith. I have invariably observed that such persons and their Bibles, soon part company.

The faith that goes no farther than the intellect, can neither sanctify nor save. No faith is saving but that which links a man to Christ. Agreeably it is spoken of as a coming to Christ. "Ye will not come to me, that ye might have life." John v. 40.

"Him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out." John vi. 37.

But whatever view my friends we may take of faith, one thing is obvious, that man in his natural state cannot produce it. From first to last it is the gift of God. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." Eph. ii. 8. This faith which is the gift of God, and the instrumental means of a man's salvation, belongs only to the *elect of God*: and is bestowed upon them, because from all eternity he did elect them to eternal life through faith. Accordingly we find Paul declaring that he was "an Apostle according to the faith o