

he treats your offer? No. His hand is out at once—he gives you credit for being as good as you seem to be, and profess to be, in holding out to him, the gift.

And what is the whole matter of receiving Christ—eternal life, salvation? It is the simple faith that accredits God to be as good as he says He is, as good as He has shown Himself to be. Has He not said that He “so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life”? And yet, with such statements throughout God’s word, the soul, instead of believing God when He declares how good He is, instead of receiving Christ, stands reasoning, and seeking to evade the love which still pursues us with the needed indispensable good. Ah! the heart must be bowed to this, to receive God’s word in true, child-like simplicity, just as a little child accepts unhesitatingly what it is very glad to get. “Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, shall in no wise enter therein.”

Have you submitted to Jesus? God demands it. He asks for no offering or sacrifice; He presents Jesus and shows you what you are. The worst sinners in the world may be received in grace by Jesus. “Behold now is the accepted time: behold, now is the day of salvation.”

Faith is the way of life ;
Believe in Christ and live ;
Fly to the shelter of His blood,
And peace with God receive.