

liness all around us. This is just so much proof that men need to be converted. You are not a Christian because you were born in a Christian country.

2. A person is not a Christian by outward decency and natural amiableness and kindness. Amiability and kindness are very excellent features of character, and contribute greatly to our happiness. But they may not be Christian virtues. These do not constitute a person a Christian. A person may be everything one could wish in these respects, and have no piety,—be godless in heart.

3. It is not the mere profession of Christianity. It is easy to see that there may be profession without the reality. We have the sad evidence of this around us, in persons who are members of churches, and not only are not converted, but ridicule the very idea of conversion.

4. A Christian is a person who has come into a proper position in relation to God. There are many who forget that God has any claims on them. Their lives would not be much different if they believed there was no God, and no Christianity. These persons do not consider that God sustains relations to them. Many are impressed with the idea that they sustain certain relations to God, and so are restrained from sin, who are not in a right position in relation to him—who cannot say '*My Father.*' None of these are Christians. The Christian is in a proper position in relation to God. He is reconciled to him: he can call him Father. He is called a Christian because it is by faith in Christ, as his Saviour, that he is restored to him. Christ's work is the atonement for sin—the way to God. The Christian, by faith in Christ, is brought into a proper position in relation to God, and enters into the path of duty. The great Creator and his claims are recognized: on the part of the Christian, commences the performance of duty, and the enjoyment of privilege; and, on the part of God, the bestowment of blessings and encouragements.

The unconverted are not right in relation to God, however they may stand in relation to men. It is of the greatest moment that a person be right before God. If you are anxious to be right before God—to become a Christian, *come to Jesus.* Careless sinner consider that God made you, preserves you, will judge you, is able to punish you for rebellion—that with him you have to do, and if you are neither a maniac nor a demon, but a human being, you will be anxious that your heart should be right towards him.

By believing in Christ a person's heart is made right with