

body is wrong,—from the peace which is bought at the expense of truth may the good Lord deliver you!

I speak for myself,—I find no resting-place between downright evangelical Christianity, and downright infidelity, whatever others may find. I see no half-way house between them, or houses that are roofless, and cannot shelter my weary soul. I can see consistency in an infidel, however much I may pity him. I can see consistency in the full maintenance of evangelical truth. But as to a middle course between the two. I cannot see it, and I say so plainly. Let it be called illiberal and uncharitable, I can hear God's voice nowhere except in the Bible, and I can see no salvation for sinners in the Bible excepting through Jesus Christ. In him I see abundance. Out of him I see none. And as for those who hold religions in which Christ is not all, whoever they may be, I have a most uncomfortable feeling about their safety. I do not for a moment say that none of them are saved, but I say that those who are saved, are saved by their disagreement with their own principles, and in spite of their own system. The man who wrote the famous line,

“He can't be wrong whose life is in the right,”

was a great poet undoubtedly, but he was a wretched divine.

Let me conclude with a few words by way of application.

First of all, if sincerity alone will save, and there is no salvation excepting in Christ, make sure you have an interest in that salvation yourself. Do not be content with hearing, and approving, and assenting to the truth, and going no further. Seek to have a personal interest in this salvation. Lay hold by faith for your own soul. Rest not till you know and feel that you have got actual possession of that peace with God which Jesus offers, and that Christ is yours, and you are Christ's. If there were two or three or more ways of getting to heaven, there would be no necessity for pressing this matter upon you. But if there is only *one* way, you will hardly wonder that I say, “Make sure that you are in it.”

Secondly, if sincerity alone will not save, and there is no salvation excepting in Christ, try to do good to the souls of all who do not know him as a Saviour. There are millions in this miserable condition,—millions in foreign lands,—millions in your own country,—millions who are not trusting in Christ. You ought to feel for them, if you are a true Christian;—you ought to pray for them;—you ought to work for them, while there is yet time. Do you really believe that Christ is the only way to heaven?—then live as if you believed it.

Look round the circle of your own relatives and friends. Count