

That the Almighty, the All-wise, and the All-merciful is his *Friend* :

That he is in union and communion with his Heavenly Father :

That from henceforth he is one with God and with Christ :

That his members, his hands, his heart, his feet, are the very members of Christ :

That he is not his own, but Christ's :

That even his life is hid with Christ in God :

That God unceasingly works in him, to will and to do of his good pleasure :

That, as a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without divine permission, so nothing can happen to the Christian without God's ordination :

That even the very hairs of his head are all numbered :

That nothing can have any power against him, except it be *given* from above :

That therefore everything which happens to him is a message from God unto him, sent specially by his Heavenly Father, and calling for holy obedience, submission and resignation to the divine will so manifested :

That therefore no evil can happen unto him :

That everything without him is ordained, in infinite wisdom, and almighty and unbounded love towards him ; — so perfectly that if he had the control of all the wide universe of being, and of all the course of events around him, he could alter nothing for his own greater good or advantage :

*And all these blessings are secured to him for evermore, on one single realised condition ;— that sin, which is the working of his own self-will, the only evil, is to be avoided, shunned and overcome in the power of God ; for which divine work, divine grace and divine aid is promised to all who ask it and continue to ask it of God in sincerity and truth, in the name and spirit of the Lord Jesus.*

My friend, do you feel in your own heart that these blessings are yours ? If not, I beseech you seriously to ask yourself, “ *Why am I not a Christian ?* ”

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*What hinders you from being a Christian ?*

Is it that Christians are squabbling among themselves about doctrines, and so you leave them alone till they have settled the first points ? It is not for *them* to settle