

verse for persons just like you—who are willing to take their chances, as you said, on their good works, and are deceiving themselves by the false hope of getting to heaven in that way. I'll read the verse. It is the fourth verse of the fourth chapter of Romans: '*Now to Him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.*' Let me explain this. When you were well and could work, you received your wages because you had earned them. You were under no special obligations to the man that paid you. You would come home to your wife and say, 'Here is what I made to-day.' You could talk about what *you* had done, and what *you* had got, and you would not have a word to say about the man that paid you. That is just what God means by that verse. If you could get to heaven by what you have done, there would be no grace about it. You would know nothing of God's love as shown in Jesus. You could not sing, '*Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood;*' for you would be there without a Saviour, and you would have no song. Do you think you could be happy."

He was now ready to give up his ground, and for the first time frankly owned, what his wife had said, that he was anxious about his soul, and wanted to have the question settled. He fully confessed that in spite of all the good he claimed, he was a sinner, and needed a Saviour. It was with joy I read to him this scripture (1 Tim. i, 15): "*This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus*

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