

prefer trying whether they can wrap themselves around with their own righteousness—like the rich young ruler, asking what they may do to win eternal life. The Bible's answer is, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.

And what is the result? Is it to make men actually less righteous because they cover themselves with the righteousness of another, even that of the Son of God? Let history here again speak: Luther's assaults saved Christianity, even among Roman Catholics; and ever since the papacy has at least ceased to be shameless in its infidelities and immoralities.

History tells how the northern nations, embracing the doctrines of grace, have drawn away ahead of those that rejected them—or at least assigned them a less influential position in their system.

It is important, therefore, that the sufficiency of our creed be insisted on. Free grace, and perseverance as its complement, have always produced a stalwart, reliable, faithful people. Those who have held to a feebler system of doctrine show the result in a feebler style of manhood.

Let us, then, give the Bible to all,—and encourage missionary societies in their operations throughout the world. But, especially, let us make the word of God the man of our own counsel and the guide of our footsteps. So shall we be good husbands, good wives, good parents, good children, good citizens, or, what is comprehensive of all, good Christians. When, in 1848, the revolutionary hurricane overturned so many thrones, that of France among them, some one remarked to Monsieur Guizot how quiet and secure England seemed to remain amidst the storm. "Ah," replied the French statesman, "England has been saved by her religion." Yes, its general influence saves the community, while its particular truths, believed, save individual souls.

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