

"Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show forth all long suffering, for a pattern to them who should hereafter believe on Him to life everlasting."—1 Tim. 1: 16. The gospel method of salvation was tested in him and found sufficient. If Jesus Christ has saved the chief of sinners, none need despair.

The argument for the truth of the gospel from experience is very simple: the gospel makes many promises to those who accept it, and experience shows that these promises are made good. The remedy which always cures the disease is the right remedy for it.

The gospel promises to all who embrace it the forgiveness of sins, renewal of heart and life, and strength for Christian service.

The forgiveness of sin is a divine act, and cannot be directly a matter of human experience. This is true, but it is also true, that when the guilty embrace Christ by faith, the sense of guilt is removed, and conscience, which is the echo of God's voice within us, is at peace. When Christian looks at the cross, the burden rolls off his shoulder, and he is conscious then that Christ has made peace by the blood of His cross.

It is also undeniable that a wonderful moral and spiritual change is apparent in the hearts and lives of all who embrace Christ. They are new creatures, and have passed from death unto life. Doubtless they are always imperfect in the present life, but the change is real, habitual and progressive, so that the tree is known by its fruits.

They get strength for Christian service. They do good works. No sooner were Lydia and the jailor led to