

I have to do is to believe what God says, in order to know that I have life in his Son, and am saved through the blood of the crucified One ; that nothing can be added to what Christ has finished, and God has approved. I now understand how it is by faith alone, it could not be otherwise, without detracting from Christ who finished the work, and I now understand the force of the verse (1 John v, 13), 'These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God, that ye *may know* that ye have eternal life;' and also of 1 Cor. xv, 1-4, 'Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; by which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures.' But what does that mean, 'unless ye have believed in vain'? It means that if Christ is not risen, your faith is vain, and you are yet in your sins. See verses 12-20 of same chapter. Some were denying the resurrection of the dead. But notice it says (v. 17), 'And if Christ be not raised your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.' Therefore, if Christ has been raised, our faith is *not* vain, and we are *not* in our sins."

"Ah! I see it all now, and your faith and assurance I have and know, and it is most comforting indeed. How very precious is the word of God."