

interrupted the blind man. "You are speaking of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Just so; and the One to whom I have confessed is God the Father. I have done what He has told me; I have looked at the Saviour, dying on the cross, and to what God has said, that His blood cleanses from all sin; I have consequently been washed from all of mine.

"Oh! sir," he cried with a face radiant with joy, "I understand! I understand! I have never heard anything like it. These are truly good news."

We went through an opening to the other side of the hedge which bordered the road, and going down on our knees, I commended my new friend to God. When we rose up his face was wet with tears.

"Sir," said he, deeply moved, "I have a request to make to you if it is not too presumptuous. Let me kiss the lips that have announced to me these precious news."

I could not refuse his request.

After asking him where he lived, we separated. I went afterwards often to see him in his wretched dwelling and told him more fully the gospel which he had received with such simplicity. Sometimes I read to him in the gospel of John the history of the man born blind, to whom the Saviour had given sight; again in Luke that of the woman who was a sinner, whose innumerable sins, the Lord had forgiven, and of the other woman to whom He had given the

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