

**A Young Christian.**

The moment she was convinced [that Christ had called her to a higher life] she laid aside her book, and bowed upon her knees before the Lord, and confessed her convictions, and asked what she must do. To this the suggestion came, "Give the world wholly up." . . . She counted the cost as to pleasure, and dress, and friends, and everything, and then most heartily responded, "Yes, Lord, I will!" And then she asked again, "What must I do?" In answer to this came the suggestion, "You must confess all that the Lord does for you before the Church and the world." There was a circle around her, and a seat of circumstances which made this a great trial. But again she responded heartily, "Yes, Lord, I will!" And she asked yet again, "What more, O Lord?" And now came the suggestion, hardest of all, "Believe, only believe." She said, "It is a great thing to believe that the Lord can and will cleanse me from all sin. . . . Yet I know he is almighty, and I will trust him. I will trust him. I will believe, I do believe!" This settled, she asked again, "What more, O Lord?" to which the final suggestion came, "Nothing more. This is all." It was almost as hard to believe that this was all, as to believe that Christ would *do* all; but she did believe, and was satisfied. So she thanked the Lord for his wonderful condescension and love, and rose from her knees at rest and in peace—with new light in her heart, and new light in her pathway.

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**Atonement and Redemption.**

The atonement was universal; redemption is limited. Christ died for all; but, as a fact, only some are redeemed. The atonement is the means, redemption is the end. Without the atonement there could have been no redemption; but without redemption there is still atonement.

The atonement was the act of one Being; redemption involves the agencies of many. In offering the atonement, Christ trod the winepress alone; in effecting redemption, the subject works, teachers work, angels work, the Spirit works. The atonement came without man's seeking—the world never asked for it; but redemption never comes without the earnest seeking of the individual.

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