

Let it be assumed that you are desirous to know how it is that your sins are not to be reckoned up against you at the great day of judgment. It may be, that desirous as you are to discover the truth as to this all-important matter, you have difficulties not a few with regard to *faith*. It is the means through which the propitiation blesses man individually. Hence practically no matter is more important in the salvation of your soul. The salvation of your soul is to you a matter so unutterably momentous, that everything which concerns it must share its weight. Faith—saving faith—is no trifle. “It is the gift of God” (Eph. ii. 8).

Here is the *propitiation* which God hath set forth in the obedience and death of his Son, Christ Jesus. “And He is the propitiation for our sins and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.” (i John, ii. 2). This propitiation is what faith rests upon. Faith looks as it says, “It is enough for *my* sins.” The propitiation is the *object of faith*. “Faith,” *in its object*, is “the gift of God.”

The Book which proclaims this propitiation is the Bible. Here is proclaimed the glorious truth about Jesus Christ. History, circumstance, science, and reason, bear witness to its authenticity absolutely and completely. As the proclamation of the truth of God, concerning the propitiation, the Bible is perfect. Faith hears this proclamation, and says: “It is true. I believe it; it is enough for my sins.” God gave this Bible and the proclamation of its faith. “Faith,” *in its proclamation*, is “the gift of God.”

In this holy book faith is laid down by God, as that through which pardon comes to sinners. It is a simple plan. It is sublime in its simplicity. It is God’s own sublimely simple plan, and whoever follows *His* way shall be saved. Any child may follow it and not go astray. The most gigantic genius that ere shone on the earth or in heaven, may spend an eternity in the attempt, but never shall be able to number up all its beauties and perfections. Faith looks at God’s simple plan, by which He has so ordered the salvation of the sinner through Jesus Christ, “that *who-ever believeth on Him* should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John iii. 16) and says: “I believe it is enough for *my* sins.” This simple plan, as we have said, was instituted by God. “Faith,” *in its institution*, is “the gift of God.” Here is the love of God which passeth knowledge. We guilty and frail wretches stand in His presence, and as we search ourselves by the lighted candle of His truth, we cannot once discover the shadow of a reason why He