

ments of the gospel. It fits the sinner for entering into the Lord's service with his whole heart. Without it there can be no real submission to the Lord's authority and will. True penitence or deep sorrow for sin will lead to repentance and a consecration of the body, soul, and spirit to the Lord.

Dear Reader, art thou a penitent and dost thy sorrow for sin incline thee to repentance? Dost thou see thy sins rising up as a dark cloud between thee and the Lord, and preventing all hope of life eternal unless removed from you? Look, then, to Jesus for deliverance; for he alone can save you from ruin. Give yourself to him and he will deliver you from condemnation—will save your soul from death—grant you pardon—give you hope and joy on earth, and glory and life eternal in heaven. Dost thou enquire with a sincere and contrite heart *how* thou shalt enter into the Lord's service, *how* thou shalt devote thyself to him? This is an important point, but a "stumbling stone" over which many fall and rise no more!

To begin the gospel or heavenly race aright is of vast importance. Do you enquire like some of old what you shall do to be saved? Paul answers, believe on the Lord and thou shalt be saved. But believing with all thy heart, wouldst thou learn what to do to be saved from thy sins and that doom which awaits the impenitent and ungodly? Peter Acts 2: 48, will tell you to repent and be baptized for the remission of your sins, and you shall receive the gift of the holy Spirit. Now if thou wouldst be saved by Christ thou must submit to his will in all things. Without an unfeigned faith in the Lord and Saviour, a sincere repentance growing out of a deep sorrow for sin, and a humble submission to his whole will, you can have no real hope of forgiveness. Do not begin to reason with yourself that some way of your own will do as well as the way the Lord by his Spirit though Peter taught on penitence. Think not of being saved by faith alone. Faith without works is dead, says the Apostle James, chap. 2: 17. Paul writing to the Galatians, chap 5: 6, affirms thus "For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth anything nor uncircumcision: but faith which works by love." A faith which does not lead to action is of no avail in the sight of God. Though works have to be done they are not works of merit, but tests of the sincerity of our faith and repentance, and means of enjoyment. No work that man can do can merit anything from God. Do not imperil your soul by persuading yourself that though the Lord