

It is, however, written, "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."—(Rom. x. 17). If it is true that by nature we are not only wicked, but "without strength," (Rom. v. 6), it is also true that God has communicated to us a living and effectual word, which has power to save our souls. (Heb. iv. 12 ; Jas. i. 21). Where then is the difficulty that hinders you from believing? In order to reply let us consider the subject a little further.

Firstly—The bible is full of the most positive assurances, in attestation of the fact that God does not hinder the salvation of any, but that on the contrary He is full of kindness toward all.

"As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked ; but that the wicked turn from his way and live : turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways ; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?"—(Ezek. xxxiii. 11).

"Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth ; for I am God, and there is none else."—Is. xlv. 22.

"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money ; come ye, buy, and eat ; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."—(Is. lv. 1).

"John came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe."—(John i. 7).

"For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world ; but that the world through Him might be saved."—(John iii. 17).