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A Key which opens the Door. What is the Act of Faith?

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my confidence ; but this state of soul, in conjunction with an act of faith, which as a key opens the door, and brings the soul into the actual possession of full and complete redemption, is that which I have been enabled to render continually available, and by this I have been permitted to enter into that state of light and liberty which is spoken of 1 John i, 7.

But what is this act of faith which brings the soul into the enjoyment of full salvation ? By the help of the Lord I will state it, as also the way by which I continue its exercise. I saw that God had erected an altar, whereunto I was commanded to come with faith, nothing doubting. And still further, that he did not require that I should believe, without a thorough foundation for my faith. Perhaps I cannot better explain, than by adverting to what my expectations would be, if a will, which I knew to be in every possible way legally executed, were placed in my hands, and I authorized, from undoubted authority, in believing myself the rightful heir of an inheritance. Would I hesitate in availing myself of its provisions, and think it mysterious that I was to come into possession by merely believing the validity of the document ? And yet the knowledge of the fact, without the act of taking possession, would leave it just as unavailable for my present necessities, as though there were no such inheritance for me.