

me!—for I did not care now who heard. And help came. When I came to myself I was lying on the deck of my vessel. This incident explained to me the meaning of the text, 'Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' I saw from it that the pride must be knocked out of a man, and he must be brought to realize his lost condition, and not ashamed to own it, and from the heart and in faith cry unto the Lord to save him, and he shall be saved.

Dear reader, what is your position—saved or unsaved? If unsaved, you may go through the form of prayer, but remember that formal prayers, however beautifully arranged and finely expressed, will bring no deliverance. Prayers without heart faith profit nothing. It is mocking God to approach Him "with solemn words upon a thoughtless tongue." Rather cast out the pride of your heart, "humble yourself under the mighty hand of God, and He will lift you up," like Peter, when he began to sink. He cried, "Lord save me or I perish," and Jesus stretched out His hand and saved him. He is near to save—He is mighty to save—He is waiting to be gracious to save. Then turn your eye from self and all surroundings, and look to Him. Hark! He is calling to you, saying, "Look unto Me all ye ends of the earth, and be ye saved, for I am God, and beside Me there is none else." Turn your hand of faith and grasp Him, "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved," and go on your way, rejoicing to do His will, "until He comes to be glorified in His saints, and admired in them that believe."

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Nothing Doubting.

BY "CHICAGO."

CHRISTIANS are not watchful enough against *doubts*. The strongest have the most trouble with them. Bunyan recognized this fact, for he made a great fortress called Doubting Castle, to be inhabited by giant Despair! and in his wise and wondrous story, although Despair is a mighty giant, he is goaded on to mischief by his weak, contemptible wife, "Diffidence." St. Paul says, "Cast not away your confidence, which has great recompense of reward." Heb. 10: 35. He speaks of "Holding fast our confidence," "Holding fast our confidence unto the end."

Doubts come oftenest when we are straying a little out of the way, as they did to Bunyan's pilgrim: God in mercy permits them to drive us to despair, that we may cast ourselves helplessly on Him, crying, "Lord I believe, help Thou my unbelief!" And then comes the loving rebuke, "Wherefore didst thou doubt?" Our religion is not one of sense and sight; we walk by faith, we live by faith, we are saved by faith—therefore, doubt destroys the very life of souls! This faith needs the constant help of God. The world

dims our vision; unbelief lets in doubt and fear. When Christ stood before His disciples in resurrection glory, while they worshipped "some doubted." Matt. 28: 17. He often told them while with them, "Not to be of doubtful mind," and spoke to them of "doubting in their hearts." And St. Paul tells Christians to "pray every where without doubting." *Doubts* are some of the trials of "the way." To those who "overcome" is the crown promised; let "confidence be our strength." Isa. 30: 15. "The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it and are safe."

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"Truth in a Nut Shell."

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13.—HOW THE SAVED SHOULD LIVE.

MUCH in Christian life depends upon *how we live*.

Our *happiness* depends upon this, because an inconsistent life grieves the Holy Spirit within us, and our communion with God is broken.

Our *usefulness* depends upon it, because an inconsistent Christian *can not* be used of God. Nothing so hinders the work of God as inconsistent Christians. First, learn to say *No* to those who would lead you away from Christ, and the Christian's walk. Say this at the very beginning with such emphasis that every one will understand what you mean.

"Stand fast, therefore, in the liberty wherewith *Christ hath made us free*, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." (Gal 5: 1.)

Let the *past* be the past, and move forward to make the most of the *future*.

"*Forgetting* those things which are *behind*, and *reaching forth* unto those things which are *before*." (Phil. 3: 13.)

Remember daily your own weakness to run the Christian Course, and constantly keep your eyes on Jesus.

"Let us *run with patience* the race that is *set before us*, *looking unto Jesus* the author and finisher of our faith." (Heb 12: 1, 2.)

Peter *failed* to walk on the water because he took his eyes *off of Christ*, and looked *at the dangers* about him. So *you will fail* to walk the Christian life, if you take your eyes *off of Jesus* to look at the dangers about you.

You *must not neglect prayer*.

"Men ought *always* to *pray* and not to faint." (Luke 18: 1.)

"*Pray without ceasing*." (1 Thess 5: 17.)

"Evening, morning and noon will I *pray*." (Ps. 55: 17.)

You *must* feed on the word of God if you would be *built up* in the faith, and *grow in grace*.

"I command you to God, and to the *word of His grace*, which is able to *build you up*." (Acts 20: 32.)

Unite with *some branch of the church, being obedient*