

They that TRUST in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion.

Psalm cxv. 8.

"I AM TRYING."

A LETTER TO "A TRYER."

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"For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh; how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God."

I HAVE received a letter from "A Tryer," who states that he has been convinced of sin, and determined to lead a new life; who thought that if he joined some Christians, it would be sufficient; he states also that he reads the Bible regularly, and prays in the closet, and so forth; but he has not obtained peace with God, and solicits me to say a few words to him.

All these things are very good, but they will never give us peace with God; for without *faith* it is impossible to please Him; and these things are the *fruits* of faith. Reading the Bible and going to class, dear reader—all these are God-dishonoring, without first coming as a poor sinner to the Lamb of God, who bore your sins in His own body on the tree; and I would say unto you, as One of old said to a poor sinner, "Wilt thou be made whole?" Can I hear you say, "Yea, Lord?" Then the blood of Christ cleanses from all sin, and He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life. Bless God, Christ has not left it for us to weep, or mourn, or pray, or read the Bible, or attend to class, or to do anything to make ourselves better; no, bless God, upon Him was laid the iniquity of us all; with His stripes we are healed.

Dear "Tryer," you say you fix Christ before you. But that is not the right way. The way to be saved is to trust on Christ, and then God is well pleased with you when you come by faith in Jesus; for God's Word says He bore our sins in His own body on the tree." Then to Him be the glory; He has done the work, not through your doing any-

thing. "This is the record, God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son." "Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our [Think of that work *our*. What! our tears, or prayers, or going to class, Bible reading, or anything we can do? No, bless God] our Lord Jesus Christ." That is it. Our happiness is in Christ our Lord. "God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified through his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." You will see that God in His Word says, "he that believeth" (read John v. 24; Rom. x. 4-14); and I would say, dear "Tryer," "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost."

Now let me beg you to rely on Christ. No poor sinner ever yet was rejected that came to God through the blood of Christ.

SAVE ONE.

Souls are perishing before thee—

Save, save one!

It may be thy crown of glory—

Save, save one!

From the waves that would devour,

From the raging lion's power,

From destruction's fiery shower—

Save, save one!

Who the worth of souls can measure?

Save, save one!

Who can count the priceless treasure?

Save, save one!

Like the stars shall shine for ever,

Those who faithfully endeavour

Dying sinners to deliver—

Save, SAVE ONE!

It is better to TRUST in the Lord than to put confidence in man.

Psalm cxviii. 8.