

The changed expression of the young man's countenance was quite sufficient to account for Mr. North's not knowing him again. It was radiant with joy and peace.

Dear reader, the *first lesson* a poor sinner has to learn, is to trust in the Lord, and not to his own understanding: to trust God not only for what he *does* understand, and for what *is* explained, but for what he *does not* understand, and for what *is not* explained. This is faith, and such faith honors God and saves the soul. This is receiving the kingdom of God as a little child; and let us ever remember that it is written (and the Scripture cannot be broken), that unless we receive the kingdom of God as a little child, we shall in no wise enter therein.

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### "DO YOU HOPE THIS IS TRUE?"

ONE who had been brought to know forgiveness of sins by faith in Jesus Christ, was speaking to a young person whose conscience had been aroused, and with the Word of God in her hand was showing her that assurance of salvation is the blessed privilege of every believer, when they were joined by a third person, who said to the anxious one "You must hope." "But, Mr. —," said the lady, "surely it is more than a hope."

"What can it be besides a hope."

"Well," said she, holding up her Bible, "do you hope this is true?"