

Christ, and that his authority, his truth, and his power of remission were through Simon and those who stood up with him.

'Pierced to the heart I asked Simon and his brethren, 'What shall I do?' My soul was full; my stubbornness all gave way, and I was willing to do anything. The answer was prompt and direct—soothing and sweet to my heart: 'In the name of Jesus repent AND in the name of Jesus be baptized, in order to the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.' So spake Simon in the Saviour's name. Had I retained my old Jewish mind, it would have seemed cruel to have directed me to repent or to be baptized in the name of a person I had helped to crucify; but O then how I loved the Lord Jesus! and therefore gladly receiving the apostle's word, I obey and shared in the promised remission and the joy of the Spirit. I ascribe my salvation to these means: My Lord's rich mercy and readiness to save; the word preached which showed to me what the Lord Jesus in his divinity and affection had done; and my hearing and obeying what the Lord enjoined upon me by the ambassadors he qualified and sent to proclaim him. I am certain that Jesus has saved me by the gospel. And I am sure if I remain stedfast and abide in the teaching of Christ's apostles, continue in the prayers they have taught me since I became a convert, and walk in love as Jesus has loved me, I shall be a partaker of the salvation to be revealed at the Lord's second appearing.'

Such is a *convert's* experience who received the gospel at Pentecost; and every man who has access to the writings sent to us by Father, Son, and Sacred Spirit through the inspired ministers, will please examine and decide for himself 'whether these things are so.'

This convert, it will be seen, heard the Lord, trusted in the Lord, obeyed the Lord, and joined the Lord; and he thus heard, believed, obeyed, and joined Jesus, not by the Spirit falling upon him, nor by the power of prayer, but by the glad tidings called 'the glorious gospel of the blessed God.' O what a hallowed message is the gospel of the Saviour!—first revealing to us his work of love for us, and then showing us how to acknowledge him.

Also it will be seen that the Pentecostian convert, instead of believing a list of articles or joining a church, *believed in a PERSON and joined A PERSON*—this PERSON being none other than the highly exalted Lord possessing all power, able to save even sinful men. Here is personal salvation! Here is pure communion with heaven! A divine