

what had transpired by the death-bed of his wife.

From that time the Holy Spirit began His work of grace in the heart of the lighterman. His eyes were open to the hideous aspect of sin and he saw that the sinner righteously merited condemnation. He felt the misery of the slavery to which his passions had subjected him and the danger of dying out of Christ and without the assurance of the pardon of God. He had learned by the example of his wife that there is a peace which passes knowledge but that it can only be possessed by those who have been purified from their sins by virtue of the work of expiation accomplished by the Saviour.

He believed in the Lord Jesus and the same grace which brought salvation was manifested in his life, for renouncing all worldly lusts he lived thenceforth soberly, righteously and piously. Sovereign grace made of James D. a faithful Christian, serious and devoted. May every unconverted reader of this narrative; far as he may be from James D's condition, as the world judges; understand that there is nevertheless just as much need for forgiveness and salvation for them. May they come to the One who has made peace by the death on His cross; through whom God pardons and justifies the sinner who believeth in Him. In Him is eternal life. Glory be to God for the inexpressible gift to us of His Son! Glory be to the Son of God who loved us and gave Himself for us! Glory be to that love supreme which receives the greatest of sinners, and bestows His grace upon them.