

LIFE AND SALVATION.

A LADY recently said that she believed in Jesus, that He died for all, that every word of the Bible was true—would be afraid to disbelieve it—but, she added, “your faith and assurance that you have eternal life, and are saved, must be a most comforting belief.”

“Indeed it is, but my faith goes further than yours in this respect, I believe that because Christ died for all,” as the Bible says (2 Cor. v, 15), He therefore died for *me*. But more, that what He died to accomplish was accomplished, for He rose again from the dead, and is seated on high at God’s right hand. See Acts’ ii, 33. I therefore ‘live,’ and am not henceforth to live unto myself, but unto Him who died for me and rose again. Doubts or questions as to my safety forever, I have none, because I believe the Bible is true. It says, ‘Verily, verily I say unto you, He that believeth on Me hath everlasting life’ (John vi, 47); for by grace ye are saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it (faith) is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast’ Eph, ii, 9). Faith is God’s gift, and it comes by hearing His word. See Rom. x, 17. These scriptures are written for the one who believes God’s word, and to give him assurance of having life and salvation through a dead, risen, and exalted Christ.”

“Yes, but it seems so wonderful. How can such a sinner as I am be saved in that simple way? It seems to me that something more than mere faith in Christ is required from the sinner.”