

brought with Him life and light, and joy, because of the carelessness of the owner of the heart?

Christ says of Himself, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." He is ready to come in; He is waiting to gain admittance and to fill the heart, now heavy and sad because of sin, with peace and happiness. But, if we would have Him enter, if we would taste His love, there is something for us to do. Oh yes; we must open the door. He will not break it down. Christ never forces Himself into the heart that is closed against Him. He invites us to admit Him; He appeals to us; He even pleads with us to receive Him; but we must open the door before He will enter.

Think of this, dear reader, if you have not yet admitted Christ. He is waiting for you to do so. He is knocking at the door of your heart; how long will you let Him stand without? Why not open your heart and admit Him at once?

"Admit Him, for the human breast
Ne'er entertained so kind a guest;
No mortal tongue their joys can tell,
With whom He condescends to dwell."

Is your heart stained and tainted by sin? Admit the Saviour. The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth from all sin. Are you longing to find the way to God? Are you deploring the deceitfulness of your heart? Do you feel that your soul is dead and cold towards God: dead in trespasses and sins? Open the door of your heart to Jesus, and He who has said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life," will enter in, and give you life and peace and joy. And oh! remember this, that as surely as you cannot by any means save yourself from the punishment that your sins deserve, so sure it is that, without an effort on your part, you never will be saved. Christ has died to save you, but it remains with you to accept the salvation offered. Pray, then, that the Holy Spirit may be given to you to enable you to lay hold on the hope set before you, even Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

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