

any personal holiness on your part meet or even help to meet, the claims of your Creditor? Could you become as holy as the angels that surround God's throne, would your holiness atone for your sins? Assuredly not, for it is written in His Word that "it is *the blood* that maketh an atonement for the soul." Yes, the BLOOD; nothing but that. Now, your holiness and the blood of Jesus are not one and the same thing, are they?

If your sins are sins against God and His throne, who is it that is to be satisfied about them? You, the sinner, or God whom you have sinned against?

The one great, grand point is whether God is satisfied. What would meet the requirements of the case He only could tell. But He has provided what would meet them.—Jesus is the Lamb of God. He has suffered, He has died, and God is satisfied. Now, if God is satisfied, ought you not to be?

The work that was needed has been done. Jesus said on the cross, "It is finished." It could not be a finished work if anything of yours had to be added to it.

It is said at the end of Hebrews ix. that Christ hath appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself, that He was once offered to bear the sins of many; and in the first chapter we may read, that when He had by Himself purged our sins, He sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.

If then, believer, your sins have not been put away they never can be, for Christ will not suffer and die

again. If, on the other hand, they have been put away, ought you not to know it, and to thank God for it?

What is needed on your part is that you should believe God's testimony about the finished work of Christ. It is through the belief of the truth that our souls find peace.

You speak to God, and say, "O God, my sins are many and great. They are more in number than the hairs of my head. Beneath the weight of them I must sink in the judgment due to me."

And God answers, "But I have laid your sins on my beloved Son. He has borne them all. My justice is satisfied. I have blotted them out as a thick cloud; yea, I have cast them into the depths of the sea."

These are truly gracious words, but how shall they profit your soul if you do not believe them.

This is good news for the anxious, good news from God, published in His Word. Here are glad tidings that make the heart glad, only they must be believed.—Simple Testimony.

We have been told it is "the duty of the man of science to *push back* the Great First Cause in time as far as possible." The beauty and blessedness of Scripture consists in its persistent efforts to bring God nigh.

WANTED.—Any one having copies of "The Herald of Truth," for July, 1896, and July and August, 1897, which they can spare, would greatly oblige by sending them to me. We lack these three numbers and wish them to complete sets.—J. W. NEWTON, Toccoa, Georgia, U. S.