

You add, "I do not feel that I have part in His precious blood." Our thoughts have nothing to do in deciding this solemn question. You do not doubt, you say, the efficacy of this blood; you then believe in it; and without any word of sentiment, God says, *whosoever believes* is justified. How do you know, and why do you believe, that there is any virtue in the blood which Christ has shed? You are not sensible of it, since you complain of the contrary, but it is because God says it. Now, is not His word worthy of being received when it declares that believers are justified; when it makes us know the Christ in whom you have the assurance that you believe? You say, "I believe, but I would like to feel that I have part in this salvation." God says all who believe have part therein. It is thus that He Himself disposes of your question.

It seems to me that, like many others, you seek to make a Saviour of your faith; you search yourself to know whether you have quite the right sort of faith, the true faith. It is in that you seek the foundation of your confidence, and in this way you lose sight of Jesus, who is the blessed object of it.

I recently said to a friend, who, exercised like yourself, had been in great distress of soul, that you were passing through the same agony. He has just written me, and sends this message to you:—

"Tell your friend to give up all striving, and to confide entirely in Jesus. All power is in Him; and in His hands we are in safety. God, in His infinite mercy, has shown me that was all I had

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