

for our salvation. We see how, from its costliness, its extent and its efficacy, it cannot fall short of what it was intended to accomplish. All that love, and suffering, and preparation, will not be lost. We can depend upon that. Nor need we have any fear as to our individual salvation. If we feel our need of it we may be very sure we are included in it. If we want Christ it is because He wants us. And this is not all. God wants us just as we are to come unto Him—without preparation, nothing doubting but that the whole work is done—done once and for all, done most efficiently, most thoroughly. Original sin, actual sin, sins past and sins to come, are atoned for by the sacrifice of Christ. He who could save the dying thief simply upon his repentance and faith can save us. We may be assured of all this.

There is no reason whatever for doubts on our part! We may be positively sure of salvation. We may be absolutely certain that hereafter we will enter heaven. But the assurance must be placed, not in ourselves, but in God. All our hopes must rest on Christ. He must be All and in all; the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last! It must be the free and boundless mercy, the unfathomable love of an eternal and infinite Father! That is the only Rock on which we can build the future; the only ground in which the anchor of hope may find a firm hold! And who can doubt that love? Who