

James 2:20, and two examples are given in that chapter of the kind of works referred to. Neither one of the examples, however, is the kind that you have in mind. The two incidents recorded there tell of a wonderful faith and confidence in the Word of God and the will of God. The good works that you are picking out, such as helping the poor, caring for the sick, looking after the various kinds of church work and such like, only prove that you do not believe in the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, but that you believe that salvation is by works and not by Christ at all."

"I can readily see that so far nothing I have done has produced any change in my life. I have never received eternal life, although I have often read about it in the Bible, but never understood what it meant. I pray and work but seemingly it is without result, and certainly does not bring any peace or joy to my soul. It must be that there is something wrong with my faith and that I am on the wrong track. Do explain this 'Grace' business more fully to me."

Such a cordial invitation was not to be refused and I undertook to call her attention to Christ and to His cross. The passage chosen for our consideration was I Peter 2:24, wherein we read: "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree;"

"Whose sins did He bare, Mrs. B—?"

"He must have borne mine," she said, "for there is no other Saviour, and certainly He will never return to die again for me. How strange that I never saw that passage before. Is this truth found anywhere else?"

We then turned to I Peter 3:18, and read: "Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God."

"May I ask you again, Mrs. B—, for whom was Jesus dying, and for whose sins was He suffering? Do you know?"

The thought that Jesus had died for her own personal sins was such a new experience to the heart of this friend, that she seemed staggered by the wonderful revelation. It seemed too good to be true. She read and re-read the passage several times, thought carefully of each word, and then said: "I see now what I have never seen before, that Christ Jesus came to save me, and to put away *my own personal sins*."

"Then will you just now tell Him that you believe Him, and accept Him as God's gift to you? He says in John 1:12—"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." Let us look, too, at this passage in John 3:36—"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

The work was finished in her heart, and so she said, "May I come to Christ just now and tell Him that I trust Him, and that I take Him for my very own?"

"Yes, indeed," I answered quickly, "I am sure His heart will be filled with joy as He hears you tell Him of your faith and trust."

We knelt together and with deep emotion, she said: "Lord Jesus, you have been wonderful to me. You have borne with me through the years, but in my ignorance I stayed away from you, and did not know that I could come to you as a guilty sinner. I do come now, Lord Jesus, and take you as my own Saviour and Lord. I believe you have blotted out my sins with your precious blood. I love you and trust you."

The heart that had been in the dark was flooded with light. The soul once dead in sins had received eternal life. The life