

Only Believe

It matters not how skilful a physician may be, no one is cured by him but those who put themselves into his hand. What we must do is to put ourselves into the hands of Christ. It is put thus by the Apostle, He saves all who come to God by Him. That is, in other words, Faith..."Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

This faith that saves the soul implies conviction of sin. The first thing we must believe is that we are ruined and undone in ourselves. "O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself."

It implies spiritual and saving knowledge of Christ. We must believe that He is mighty to save, that He is in all respects such a Saviour as we need. We must believe that there is salvation in Christ.

It implies self-renunciation; all self-dependence is given up. The soul is surrendered to this mighty Saviour; he trusts in Him for all that he needs (Ephesians 1:13).

No faith, no salvation. Hence the way to

be interest in this great salvation is this in all ages and to all classes. "Faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:21).

This holds forth encouragement to every sinner under the Gospel. Do not despair, Christ is mighty to save.

Your great duty is to make sure of an interest in this salvation. Without this your life will be a great mistake, nothing but vanity and emptiness.

The misery of those who reject this. In proportion as it is great, so will be the guilt of despisers. How shall we escape if we neglect a salvation so great and freely offered?

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