

another. Put your trust in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.

You believe that Jesus said, "*Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.*" (John 6:37) But have you come? You believe that, "*as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God,*" (John 1:12). But have you received him? You may believe that all this is true, but you must act upon that belief if you are to be saved.

My friend, if you will come just as you are, with all your intellectual difficulties and problems, with all your doubts and fears, yes, and with your beliefs as well - if you will only come and receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour, you will be saved. And then your head will follow your heart, and all your misunderstandings will be gone.

What God is demanding of you is simply that you accept His Son as your Saviour. If you do, old things will pass away and all things will become new. Therefore, "*Choose you this day whom ye will serve;*" (Joshua 24:15). Will you do it? Do it, and do it - NOW.

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What does faith mean? God's Word says, *"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved,"* (Acts 16: 31). But what does it mean to believe? How does faith save?

## 1 FAITH BELIEVES THAT CHRIST PAID THE PENALTY FOR YOUR SINS.

*"The LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."* (Isaiah 53 : 6) That happened nearly 2,000 years ago on Calvary's cross. *"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree,"* (1 Peter 2:24). The penalty for sin is death. *"The soul that sinneth, it shall die."* (Ezekiel 18:20) Jesus died. God had to tear down the barrier of sin before He could deal with man in grace. He now offers you salvation without money and without price.

Suppose I let my right hand represent Christ and this book my sin. I transfer the book from my left hand, me, to my right hand, Christ. That is what

God did. *"The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."* No longer does He attribute, charge, or reckon your sin to you (2 Corinthians 5:19-21). He now charges it to Christ. It has been laid on Him.

## 2 FAITH MEANS ACCEPTING CHRIST AS A GIFT.

No one would ever dream of paying for a gift, for the moment payment is made it ceases to be a gift. All you can do is to take it and say, "Thank you." You do not work for it. You cannot earn it. And so it is with Christ. He must be accepted in exactly the same way. For just as you believe in the sincerity of the one who sends you a gift, so too, you must believe in the genuineness of God's offer and accept His gift, Christ. Faith reaches out a hand and takes. Thus the Lord Jesus Christ becomes your Saviour.

## 3 FAITH MEANS RECEIVING CHRIST AS A GUEST.

*"Behold,"* He says, *"I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in"* (Revelation 3: 20). In other words, He waits outside your heart's door. But He will never force His way in. You must open the door. You must invite Him in. And the moment you

open the door He enters. Thus you can honestly say, "Jesus is in my heart."

Oh, my friend, let Him in. Be courteous. I would not dream of keeping a guest standing on the doorstep, would you? Well, then, why keep Christ outside? Why not be courteous and invite Him in? Thus you may receive Him, and receive Him now.

## 4 FAITH MEANS COMING TO CHRIST AS A BEGGAR.

That, you remember, was the way the Prodigal son came to his father (Luke 15 : 11-32). He had nothing. His money was gone. He came in rags. He knew he was unworthy. And so he simply cast himself on his father's mercy. He came just as he was. And so must you. Do not wait until you mend your ways. Do not attempt to better yourself. Come as you are, for after all you are nothing but a sinner.

## 5 FAITH MEANS TRUSTING CHRIST AS SAVIOUR.

You are drowning. Someone throws you a lifebelt. Do you ignore it? Do you throw it away? Certainly not. You grasp it. You rest your weight on it. You trust it. That is faith. You must rely on