

THROUGH HIS BLOOD, *THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS,*  
ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF HIS GRACE."

There we have it. God has provided forgiveness of men's sins through a Saviour from sin, who shed His blood as the price of their redemption from sin. Behold the amazing grace of Christ that He would do this for men who could have no possible claim upon Him. Through faith in Him they are forgiven, God's Word clearly teaches.

This is the way to FORGIVENESS. God help us all to accept it.

*It is so hard...*

*Unbelievers delight in finding difficulties in the Bible. The Bible is so hard, so impossible, they assert. Take for instance the doctrine of the Trinity: is it not absurd, just plain impossible, for three to be one? Any child in second grade knows that one plus one plus one are three, and cannot be One. Simple arithmetic shows the nonsense of Christianity. So argues the unbeliever.*

*But is it so hard? The question is not whether the unbeliever's addition is correct or not. Certainly any bright little lad in first grade knows that one plus one plus one equals three. The question really is: should the unbeliever have used addition at all? It happens that one times one times one equals one. Where has the unbeliever shown that addition and not multiplication is the correct process? Oh, it is so hard for children, when they try to solve a problem, to know what to do. They can add, and they can multiply; but which does the problem call for?*

*The problem of the Trinity may not call for arithmetic at all. It may call just for a willingness to receive information from One who knows. In the Bible He has told us of Himself, that He is Father and Son and Holy Spirit, three Persons in the one Godhead. This is the God that created us and all things. This is the God who has redeemed lost sinners through the work of Christ the Eternal Son. Let us believe Him, trust Him and worship Him.*

*S. H. C.*



## Two Forms of Devotion

When we say that a man engages in daily devotions, we mean that he sets aside a certain time for Bible study and prayer. In trying to understand the meaning of the Bible, he attempts to see how it applies to his life. Suppose he is reading the Twenty-Third Psalm. It speaks of a shepherd leading his sheep in grassy meadows and along pleasant streams. It says the rod and staff of the shepherd are a comfort to the sheep. And the Christian who reads this asks himself, "Do I recognize that Christ is my shepherd? What blessings has Christ given me that are like still waters and green pastures? And, when, as is sometimes the case, I must go through the valley of the shadow of death, am I afraid or do I really trust my Saviour?" It is thus that a Christian comes to understand such portions of the Bible; and it is this meditation and thought that we call devotions.

But there is something a little different from this that is also called devotion. When a good Christian woman teaches a Sunday School class week after week, and never allows her frequent aches and pains to keep her home, and when she never gives up although the children seem not to learn and are hard to handle, when she can always be depended on to do what she says she will do, then we say she shows devotion. Ministers and missionaries have shown great devotion by preaching the gospel in difficult places; some face malaria in the tropics; some have to combat germs, dirt and bugs in heathen lands; some in trying to win hostile savages have lost their lives. This is devotion.

Every Christian ought to engage in both of these forms of devotion. The one is practiced in secret, the other openly. But both are equally necessary. Do you neglect either one? Do you neglect both?

—G. H. C.

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