

The old man's eyes were opened. He was astonished at himself; his conscience was aroused; a real conviction of sin against God followed, and he finally believed and was saved.

“Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out”

“This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent. Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out” (John 6:29,37). “I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand” (John 10:28).

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A Common Mistake

In a country village an old man was anxious to know how he could get the forgiveness he knew he needed.

A preacher had visited him from time to time, and had taught him that he must pray as long as he lived, and hope in the end for God's mercy through Christ. He told him that he couldn't know that his sins were forgiven till the day of judgment.

A Christian heard about the old man. He went to see him, hoping to be of some help, and asked him, “How do you expect to be saved?”

“Well, I keep on praying, and hope God will have mercy on me.”

blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from

all sin' (1 John 1:7).

"Instead of taking what He offers, and believ-

ing His blessed Word, you keep on asking Him

to give you the great Gift He has been offering to

you these many years.

"He asks you to look to Christ! You look

to prayer. He declares to you forgiveness through

the blood of Christ! You tell Him in return you

don't believe Him. If you did, you clearly wouldn't

ask Him to give you what He freely offers you. So,

you make God a liar, and hope to be saved for do-

ing so!"

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you full forgiveness

of sin. He holds it

out to you and asks

you to believe Him.



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"Because you pray?"

"Well, yes; I cannot expect to be saved unless I

do pray."

"Then your prayer is going to save you?"

"Why, as to that, I suppose it is Christ who

must save me, but I continually pray for forgive-

ness."

"That is, YOU must have a hand in it.

Now, if I were to hold out a five dollar bill in my

hand and ask you to accept, would you beg and

pray me to give it to you, or would you take it?"

"Why, TAKE it, of course," said the old man,

smiling at the apparent absurdity of such a ques-

tion."

"My friend," he said, "God Himself offers you

full forgiveness of sin. He holds it out to you and

asks you to believe Him. He declares that 'the