

“Where Art Thou?”

Genesis 3:9b

Where are you in the sight of God? Are you one of:

1. Those who have not yet been converted and born again.

-Is your treasure on earth?

-Do you live as though the resurrection and eternal judgement are not true?

-Is your heart untouched by hearing of Christ?

-Be warned to flee from the wrath to come!

-Do not love this dying world better than eternal life!

2. Those who are “almost-Christians”.

-Is there any growth in your Christianity?

-Is there life, and heart, and reality in it?

-If God's work is not making progress in your heart, the devil's is.

-He that is not with Christ is against Him.

-Wishes, desires and good feelings will never save you.

Those who are backsliders.

-It is your present condition of soul that matters, not past experiences.

-Have you left your first love?

-Are you becoming careless about little sins?

-Go to Jesus without delay, and He will show you mercy.

3. Those who see their guilt, and have fled to Christ for salvation.

-Do you see your weakness and corruption?

-Do you see in Jesus all you need: pardon, peace, light, comfort and strength?

-Though pride and unbelief and laziness are struggling for the mastery within you, there is hope for your soul because:

-Where God begins a work, He always finishes.

-Jesus invites all, and casts out none that come to Him.

If we want to grow in grace and have assurance of hope we must:

- Seek more knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 - If our eyes were more open to what He is and does for us, we should love Him more.
 - Nothing is so sanctifying as knowledge of Jesus and communion with Him.
- Seek more knowledge of our own hearts.
 - We do not see half of our sins.
 - Hope built on anything within us must always be wavering and unstable.
- Seek more holiness in our life and walk.
 - There is an inseparable connection between a close walk with God and our comfort.
 - Are we meek, bold in confessing Christ, humble; have we real charity, thankfulness of spirit, decided separation from the world?
- Seek more watchfulness in times of prosperity.
 - When all things go well in our lives, our soul is in real danger.
- Seek more faith and contentment in times of trial.
 - Trial is one of God's ways of sanctifying us.
- Seek more preparedness for Christ's second coming.
 - We ought to be looking for and hurrying towards our Lord's appearing, for it is the day of complete redemption.
- Seek more diligence about the means of grace.
 - Lazy Christians seldom enjoy assurance of salvation.
 - It is the diligent soul that enjoys lively hope.

A hopeful growing believer is a walking sermon, showing to all what grace can do.