

Then he went to the law school with his father's desire expecting he would become one of the great lawyers of Germany, and then one day he to his classmates dismay and to his father's great disappointment, M. Luther called his classmates together and his friends, gave them his books his musical instruments, his other things, and said, I am dying today as far as you are concerned. I am going into a monastery to seek forgiveness of my sin! M. Luther had come to such a realization of the terrible nature of sin that it overshadowed all his desire to be a great man or to be looked up to or to be well off in any way. He went into the monastery and he tried everything they had there to try to get forgiveness of sin. He laid on the floor all night weeping for his sins. He went over his beads over and over. He repeated the prayers over and over. He did all the things the monastery had to offer to try to get forgiveness of sin, but he felt worse and not better. Then the head of the Augustinian order in Germany, visited the monastery and was told how M. Luther, this monk, was so laid down in despair, unable to find any hope, and Staupitz the head of the Order talked to Martin and he said, "Brother Martin, do you believe the Apostle's Creed?" He said, Certainly, I believe everything that the church holds. Well, he said, the Creed said, I believe in the forgiveness of sins. Do you ~~old~~ believe in the forgiveness of sin? Well he said, It's in the creed, certainly I believe it." Well he ~~sta~~ said, Just receive it, receive it, do you believe in it?" And Luther felt better for a while, and then he felt worse again. He went through several experiences like that of having that said to him, and then he found that a Bible, a Latin Bible up in the library, and he began to read it. AS he went through it he came to that verse in Romans, The Just Shall Live by Faith. Luther found the answer to his ~~b~~ problems. But alF through his life there was in the background that realization, that sense of sin. Oh how easy it is for us to see it in others. You see the people who mistreat you, people who are hostile to everything you believe in, people who cause great difficulty, and you