

"I never truly was saved before, I want to turn now to the Lord. I receive Him now, as my Saviour." Time after time the same ones would come forward on two or three different occasions.

I began to wonder. Have I truly been saved? Have I truly come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour? I'd heard people tell about wonderful experiences when in the midst of their sin God had spoken to them and they turned away from it and turned to Christ and the wonderful experience they had, and I never had such an experience. From my youngest days I had been taught to love the Word of God. From my youngest days I desired to follow Him and do His will.

I had many backslidings, many times when I fell short but could not point to any one time when I had received the Lord as my Saviour. I wondered about it. Should I come forward in one of those meetings? Then one night as I lay on my bed, I faced the question. I said, O Lord if I have never truly received Christ as my Saviour. I said I think I have long ago, but if I never have, now I receive Him as my Saviour and I know He is in my heart. I never had another doubt of my salvation after that time. I believe it is well for everyone of us to face that problem, and to make sure.

I believe it is well for us to face that and to be sure that you have been personally received into the kingdom of Christ through looking to Christ as your Saviour and being born again thru His precious blood. "Be not foolish but understanding what the will of the Lord is." It is possible to love good ethics, to love pleasant people, to love associations with those who love good decent lives. It is possible to go thru Christian colleges and Christian schools and have years in seminary and never truly to have known the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour.

So if you are not to be foolish but wise, and understanding what the will of the Lord is you should face that problem and be absolutely sure that you have received Him as your Saviour and that you truly belong to Him. That is the first step surely in understanding what the Lord's will is.

But then God sent Jesus to die for us. If we believe on Him as Saviour we are His all thru eternity. We belong to Him all thru eternity. Why does He not come immediately and take us up to heaven when we believe on Him? Why does he not take us up there to live with Him happily thru all generations to come? Why does He leave us here on this earth? There are two reasons and they are extremely important reasons, both of them. I don't think we understand what the will of the Lord is unless we have a pretty good understanding, and clear idea of both of these reasons.

The first of these reasons is He leaves us here to witness for Him. He leaves us here to make Him known. He leaves us here to be His emissaries in carrying the Word of God to others. It is grand to study the Scriptures to learn the meaning of different