

Trust and confidence in God are the life of the soul. If confidence wanes, then love also languishes, and the soul then merely drags itself along a murky road, gradually losing sight of its purpose. Outside of self-seeking, lack of faith is the greatest obstacle to the divine working in a soul. A love which does not trust is not love at all. It is fear! Salvation comes through faith - trust and love - in Christ and Christ crucified, and through the interior change that faith in Christ crucified together with the prudent good works born of that faith bring about in the soul. Interior change is a matter of the supreme most importance. If there is no interior change - no interior turning away from self and sin, no serious effort at CONVERSION - it is idle to speak any further about salvation.

If we fail to reach a clear and unquestionable understanding of these differences, and the way these differences in motive and purpose affect the soul, all that took place on the hillside of Calvary - as far as we are individually concerned - will have been for naught. □

