

cross as a ransom for many.

Once, in the Swiss Alps, as I climbed up a steep mountainside, a skilled guide was ahead of me. A rope was tied around him and around me so that if I should slip and fall off the side of the mountain, the guide would be able to pull me back on to the mountain, and we could continue our climb. When we were about half way up the mountain he stopped on a little ledge where it was perfectly safe, and waited until I came up to him. As we sat there together and rested I glanced at the rope. I noticed that a red thread ran through every section of it. I turned to the guide and said, "Why is this red thread in the rope?" He answered, "That is an indication that it is the best grade of English rope. When you see that red thread you know you can safely trust your life to the rope."

All through the Bible there is a red thread and it is a sign that we can safely trust our lives to it. It is the red thread of the atoning death of our Lord Jesus Christ. We find it predicted in Genesis 3:15 where it was foretold that "the seed of the woman" would bruise the serpent's head. We find it pictured over and over in the various sacrifices in the book of Leviticus. We find it predicted in many statements in the prophetic books of the Old Testament such as the wonderful Fifty-third chapter of Isaiah. The Gospels describe it. The Epistles explain how it saves us. In the book of Revelation we find frequent songs of praise to the Lamb who was slain and who has "redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred and, tongue, and, /nation." Surely this is the red thread in the Bible which shows that we may safely trust our lives to it.

Have you looked to the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation? Have you believed on Him and been born again through His blood? Have you received assurance that when He died on the cross your sins were there on Him, so that He died in your place? Or are you trusting to the filthy rags of human righteousness for your eternal salvation and trying to win your way to heaven by good works? It is impossible for any man