

Further Theological Discussion

On the Error of Taking Every ? (oil?) *term?* as Universal

The commandment to love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, might seem as if every possible bit of love would be given to the Lord, and there would be no love whatever for anyone except Him. The fact that our Saviour gave us the second commandment, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." shows that this would be an incorrect interpretation. To love the Lord with all our heart does not mean that there is no part of the heart left with which to love someone else, but simply indicates the great intensity, not the exclusiveness, of the ~~love~~ love to the Lord.

How to Know Whether an Inquirer Has Been Saved?

The above question was asked, and the answer is that one ~~cannot~~ cannot know about an inquirer, whether he has been saved or not. No one of us can speak with absolute certainty about the salvation of someone else. No other human being can see a person's heart. We know whether we have truly and sincerely accepted Christ as Saviour, and belong to Him, or whether we have expressed certain ~~words~~ words. One may be self-deceived, of course, but it is far easier to be deceived about someone else. I think great harm comes from telling a person, "Now you are saved." We/say, "If you have truly recognized yourself as a lost sinner, deserving ~~nothing~~ nothing good at the hand of God; if you have truly and sincerely accepted Christ as the Saviour who died for your sins on the Cross, and are truly trusting in Him along ~~me~~ for salvation, then you can know that you have been saved, and that you can rest upon Him in security through all eternity. ~~nothing~~ So far as another human being is concerned there is always an "if" about it.