

And yet I think we must mention point B under this

B. This foundation while constantly in mind represents a completed act of God and need not be repeated. You will find many Christians who do not have assurance of salvation. You will find many Christians who do not realize that this vital matter of a personal relationship with Christ while constantly remembered need not be repeated, and they need not fear that they are losing or have lost their salvation, if they truly have in Christ. Now this of course is not merely a matter of saying certain words. That is one thing that is destructive. There are many people that have been brought up in a Christian background and who have heard certain words said and have repeated them, have gone through certain statements, and they have been only words, they have not been a matter of the heart. There is always that possibility, and for that very reason it is good that the matter of what salvation really is be reiterated and made clear so that the principle will be in these people's minds and not merely certain words. But the person who truly trusts in the Lord never needs to worry as to whether he is saved, and should not spend time mourning over his past sins. They are under the blood and he should not lay again the foundation, but move on in his pilgrimage journey for the Lord.

After I received my first M.A. in College, I went to the Bible Institute of Los Angeles for a year, and although most of the students there did not have anywhere near as much academic background as I had, I found the messages and the contacts with the students a very great blessing to me in my Christian life. But there was one thing that disturbed me was that as the year went on and we had very wonderful Christian preachers visit and give very excellent messages, with the constant stress that there was one salvation and the personal relationship to Christ, time after time I would see some outstanding Christian leader among the students whom I had seen previously out on the street preaching the Word of God, and leading souls to Christ, ^{perhaps} having travelled half way round the world to get this training, I would see him at the end of one of these services going forward and facing the people and saying "I have been a hypocrite, I never truly believed in Christ, I want to take Him now as my Saviour. I never have accepted him before." And time after time in the emotional feeling of the situation == in some cases