

these is "easy" and occurs when one says "I believe" while the second is more difficult and is shown in progressive yieldedness of life to God in the varied pursuits thereof. Mere prevenient grace and assenting faith save none as far as the church in this age is concerned and, although our opinions have been hopefully restrained in exercise, we feel sure they are right to this extent.

c. The assurance of grace is possible but not probable in most cases. The scholastics felt that if one has suffered, persevered, endured, etc., he may come to feel assurance since he knows of the faith of love. But the average man in his own way cannot know assurance since there is no proof of it in the context of the direction of his life. For these reasons, positive expressions of assurance are rare in this period although occasionally one will come out in the monastic expressions of the brethren of the common life or some such group and we are always encouraged by it.

It is also classically important in this light to remember that men must be judged (determined to be true, etc.) not in the light of what our terms are but in light of what they have said. One's comments must be sympathetically understood in the context in which they are uttered and the meaning derived not from the mere forms but from the expressions in that context.

3. The Doctrine of Salvation

Among the rank and file of the schoolmen, the following might be called the mediaeval order of salvation as seen in that time. Some cults and groups--and some distinguished evangelical minds--had other ideas but the following would be rather normative:

a. Agreement to the word of the church...as well as the authority, power, and mediating work of same.

b. Knowledge of one's sinful condition---a matter of insight and/or understanding.

c. Hope in God's mercy

d. Paternal feeling for God...one must look for His benevolence in a "fatherly setting". The "pater noster" prayers, etc., are a means to this end.

e. A hatred of and turning from sin

f. A resolve to obey and so to demonstrate an exercise of the faith of love.

g. Desire for baptism and acceptance within the ordinances of the church...as well as an expressed intent to continue therein.

Hardly sounds like the method of the modern evangelistic crusades!