

mehemea kahore a Ihu Karaiti i mate mou a i "waha i o hara ki Tona tinana ake ki runga ki te rakau, i Pita ii. 24., e kore rawa koe e haere ki te rangi."

Miharo ana tana whakahihi mai. "Kahore ra o matou whare karakia i konei."

E ki "kahore he whare karakia o konei!" ara kei te noho whakaaro kore koutou ki te ora mo o koutou wairua, tatari ni kia haria mai e tetahi he pereki he paru pukepoke hei hanga whare karakia?"

Na, e hoa, ko te taua waimarie tenei. e hara i te mea, ko te ora mo o taua wairua, kei te mauranga mai he whare karakia e tetahi mo taua, kei te taua haerenga atu ranei ki te whare karakia. i te mea hoki, ahakoa ano taua haere ki te whare karakia, tera ano pea he mate mutunga kore to tuku-nga iho. Me whakawhetui atu taua ki te Atua, ko te tikanga mo te hara, mo o taua hara. i whiriwhiria, i tino whakaotia he tikanga, e te Atua me Tona Karaiti. i runga to ripeka i mua noa atu. Whaihihi ko te Karaiti i whakaarohia, i whakakororiatia nei, te Kaiwhakaora a ko Ia pu te oranga o te tangata katoa e whakapono ana ki a Ia. Mahi iv. 12; Hoani vi. 40-47.

Ko te Karaiti te huarahi atu ki te Atua te Matua, i a Ia i ki nei. "Ko ahau te huarahi, kahore rawa tetahi tangata e haere ake ki te Matua ki te kahore i ma Ahau nei," a, "Ko ia e haere mai ana ki a au, e kore rawa e panga atu e ahau." Hoani xiv. 6; vi. 37. Heoi he ora, ko te Karaiti anake, a, "Ko ia e whakapono ana ki te Tama, he oranga tonutanga tana. Hoani iii. 36.

E ma te Karaiti mai ana, anake, ka whiwhi tatou ki te murunga hara. "A, mana nga tangata katoa, e whakapono ana, ka whakatikaia ai i nga mea katoa, e kore nei tatou e whakatikaia i runga i ta Mohi ture. Mahi xiii. 39.

Ko te Karaiti tonu ta te Atua whakaora mo te hunga katoa e whakapono ana, "Kahore hoki he oranga i tetahi ake; kahore hoki he ingoa ke atu i raro o te rangi kua homai ki te tangata, e ora ai tatou. Mahi iv. 12.

asked one of the porters whether there were any people living in the place.

"There are a few cottages up there, about six or seven."

"Now, can you tell me," I further asked, "if there are any in those cottages who have been *truly saved*, who are *real* Christians; whose sins have all been put away by the precious blood of Jesus Christ?"

"No, sir, I cannot tell you that."

"Well, then, tell me whether *your* sins are put away; because of course you know you cannot possibly go to heaven unless Jesus Christ died for you, and bore your sins in His own body on the tree."

To this he gave the very strange answer, "We have no church here, sir."

"No church here!" I exclaimed. "Are you really going on careless and indifferent about your soul's eternal welfare and salvation, until someone comes with bricks and mortar and builds a church?"

Well, my friend, happily for you, and for me, the salvation of our souls does not depend on people bringing a church to us, or on our going to a church, because after all our church-going we may be lost for ever. Thank God, the whole question of sin, and our sins, was gone into and settled, and closed for ever, between God and His Christ, more than eighteen hundred years ago on the cross. Moreover, Christ, raised and glorified, is Himself the Saviour, and the Salvation of all those who believe in Him. Acts iv. 12; John vi. 40-47.

It is Christ who is the way to God the Father, as He said, "I am the Way...no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me," and "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." John xiv. 6; vi. 37. Christ alone is the life, and "he that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." John iii. 36.

It is only by Christ that we have the forgiveness of sins, and "through Him, all who believe are justified from all things, from which we could not be justified by the law of Moses." Acts xiii. 39.

Christ is Himself the salvation of God to every one who believeth. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none