

It just doesn't sink in. I remember reading some little time ago about a man who visited a different city somewhere, and he was noticing all the new things he hadn't seen before, and he said isn't this interesting, Here you've got signs up for a bomb shelter in many places in the city here. He said: I never saw anything like that before. You folks must be very very conscious of ^{the danger of} an attack with bombs. And the man he said this to, said to him, "Why I visited your city ~~just~~ this last week and there are just as many there as there are here." But he hadn't even noticed them. He was familiar with the city. He knew where he was going, what he was going to and he hadn't even noticed these signs which were just as common there as in the other place. It was when he was visiting a strange place and noticing everything that ~~he~~ was strange that he first noticed it. Things go into one ear and out the other. They simply pass over our heads.

I had a ~~filled up~~ ^{friend} who went up to Canada to preach four years ago and went to a nice church there and he told me that every Sun. night for eight successive Sundays ^{on the fact} he preached that the grace of God is free. All we have to do is to believe in Christ. There is nothing we can do to win it. And he said there was a man there who sat in the second row every night, and one of the leaders of the church he seemed to be, and he said that in the middle of the seventh sermon that suddenly his eyes ^{just} looked so surprised ~~surprised~~ and interested as if he had really been thrilled about this, and he came up to him afterwards and he said, Pastor I got a new idea tonight when you were preaching. I saw that salvation is absolutely free. There is nothing we can do to earn it. " Well, he ~~had~~ had been driving that home for six nights and finally the ~~man~~ man caught on to what he was trying to give. Well, here was Jesus who had said these things to the disciples and it had just not penetrated. We are told several times that he said it. You remember once when He said it to Peter in Mat. 13(?). He said to the disciples that He ^{must} would suffer many things and that he would be crucified and be raised again the third day, and Peter said, "These things be far from thee. Forget such foolishness." It was then that He rebuked Peter. Well, here these people are now, and they can't understand what has happened. They think that it is a failure, Jesus has died