

truly accepted Christ as Saviour, naturally aroused, raised wonderment and questioning in my own mind. There are many people, there were individuals there who would say, At 8:24 in the morning, on the day of ~~July~~ such and such, of June 25th, 1917, the Lord came into my heart. They knew the exact day, often the exact hour, the exact minute. And I having been raised in a Christian home and having ~~been~~ had many experiences of being drawn to the Lord, and many driftings off to following my own way from time to time, and then by God's wonderful grace being drawn back again, I could not point to any particular moment that I had been saved, to any particular time ^{When I knew} ~~when~~ I had first accepted Christ as Saviour. And one night as I was in bed, I had a real struggle over this. I said, Have I truly been saved? Am I truly a Christian? And then I said, Lord, if I have not ^{previously} truly taken Christ as Saviour I do it now. I believe I have before. In fact I feel certain. But I said, If I have not, I do it now. And I never had any ^{trouble} ~~difficulty~~ with that difficulty again. I have always been absolutely certain that Christ had come into my life. I believe He did long before that time. But there are many Christians who are bothered about their sins, who are bothered ~~about~~ . . . who do not have real assurance in their hearts, and I believe that the book of Num. is very appropriate for us because it represents the Christian on his pilgrimage journey who has gone through the experience of the Exodus, and we need to realize that we have gone through it. We need to look back to it, we need to remember it frequently. We need to lay great stress on it but we do not need to mourn over ^{past} sins or to fear being lost, but to learn to rest in the finished work of Christ.

Our justification is a completed matter; our sins, past, present, and future are all under the blood of Christ, and we receive an assurance and a confidence and a strength from realizing this. And you will find that often as you read people that many do not realize this, and that it takes a long ^{time} /to get the realization. And it is an important thing to bring assurance to those who truly know the Lord.