

do so now. I receive you into my soul to be my leader, my guide, the One in whom all my trust is placed for all eternity. From that day to this I have never had any doubt about my belonging to Christ, about my eternal salvation. I believe everyone of us is entitled to this absolute assurance.

A person addressing someone else who was facing a tough problem and the person counselling said, "Well now you don't need to worry about that. That can't hurt you. You are born again." Judging by the later history of this person who was there addressed, I would question very seriously whether he had been born again. I would hesitate myself to tell anybody that they have been born again. I always say, If you truly from your heart believe in Christ as Saviour, then you are born again. If you have ~~received~~ ^{received} Him to be your Sinbearer, your Saviour, your Lord through your life and through all eternity, then you are His. I believe that everyone can do this, that everyone can receive Him into their hearts. That everyone can say, Yes, but I do not know whether a person has raised a hand or been moved along by a feeling of emotion without really understanding what it is all about. I believe == I do not know whether a person has simply lived with people that they like and have gone along simply repeating the same words that others use. I don't know whether a person has == is a hypocrite or whether a person has not simply understood and has gained a false assurance without any solid basis.

The person I spoke of who was so strongly advancing the idea that you cannot know whether you are saved until you die, told of a person who had been a very ardent Christian worker, had had a most remarkable conversion, had become a most ardent Christian worker, had been actively serving the Lord and accomplishing so much and then later fell into a very heinous sin and was killed in the midst of a drunken spree. Any of us can probably think of instances like this. We know people who have seemed to us to be most earnest real Christians who later completely