

Testimony

of Robert W. Smith

HOW GOD SAVED A KILMARNOCK MAN

Robert W. Smith, of Kilmarnock, was led to accept Jesus Christ as his Saviour when a young man of little over twenty years of age. Brought up in a Christian home, and the subject of a godly mother's prayers, he was early taught the truths of the Gospel. He attended Church regularly, was a member of the Foundry Boys, a scholar in the Sunday School, and yet he passed right into young manhood without having a personal acquaintance with the Saviour. Always careful to maintain a good moral character, he enjoyed this world's pleasures, but seldom thought of eternity or of meeting God.

When quite young the Holy Spirit brought before his heart and conscience the powers of the world to come. He knew perfectly well that although moral, respectable, and religious, none of these so-called qualifications would satisfy the requirements of a holy God.

About this time he came under the ministry of an earnest Gospel preacher, Mr. Wm. Donald, then pastor of the Baptist Church. Listening one Sunday afternoon in December 1886, to a pointed appeal from the words, "*Behold, I stand at the door, and knock*" (Rev. 3:20), his anxiety was increased. The preacher faithfully declared the Gospel, pointing out that while our sin had incurred the curse of a broken law, yet the Son of God in infinite love had undertaken our cause, and died, "*the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God*" (1 Peter 3:18). The preacher emphasized the fact that the Lord Jesus now stands at the outside of the heart's door waiting admission, and as that door must be opened from the inside, the responsibility to do so lay with the sinner.

After the service Mr. Smith went to visit some friends, but while his lips spoke of other subjects, his mind was occupied with but one theme. He had the conviction that the matter must be settled that night. He left for home, and when about two hundred yards from his own door he halted and determined he would not stir one foot until he was at peace with God. His decision was the work of a minute. There on the open street, as a lost sinner, having nothing to present to God but his sin, he trusted his soul for Time and Eternity to the Lord Jesus Christ. His joy knew no bounds. Entering the house he told his mother he had trusted the Lord. Her reply was, "Robert, we have been expecting this." Her prayers were answered, and she wept tears of joy. Never was a happier night than that spent in a Christian home.

For over forty years Mr. Smith lived the Christian life, and was the means through grace of leading many a soul, old and young, to the Saviour he loved so well and served so faithfully. He entered his rest on October 26, 1932.

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If, as yet, you have not made the acquaintance of our friend's Saviour, may this simple testimony lead you to accept the Lord Jesus as your Saviour and Lord.