

SIGNING AWAY HIS INTEREST

John 3:18

He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

A group of young men once sat around the stove at an old country store, telling what they didn't believe and what they were not afraid to do. Finally, the leader of the group remarked that, so far as he was concerned, he would willingly sign away all his interest in Jesus Christ for a five-dollar bill.

"What did I understand you to say?" asked an old farmer, who happened to be in the store, and who had overheard the remark.

"I said that for five dollars I would sign away all my interest in Christ, and SO I WILL!"

The old farmer, who knew much of the human heart, drew out his wallet, took out a five-dollar bill and placed it in the store-keeper's hand. Calling for a pen and paper, he said: "My young friend, if you will just step to this desk and write as I direct, the money will be yours."

The young man took the pen and began to write:

"In the presence of these witnesses, I, A_____ B_____, for the sum of five dollars, received, do now, once for all and forever, sign away all my interest _____."

Then he dropped the pen and said with a forced smile: "I take it all back. I was only fooling!"

That young man did not dare sign such a paper. WHY? He had an accusing conscience. He KNEW that there was a God. And he secretly expected one day to trust in Jesus.

And SO DO OTHERS -- even though they are apparently indifferent, their conduct trifling, and their speech boastful. They would not, if it were possible, sign away their interest in Jesus Christ for ten thousand dollars. To sign it away IS IMPOSSIBLE!! But that is not necessary; it may be FORFEITED by simple NEGLECT!! (See John 3:18.)

What have YOU done with Jesus? What is the response of YOUR HEART to His great love? Why not trust Him while there is still life, time and opportunity? Tomorrow could be TOO LATE!

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