

decided me to embrace the Christian religion, and make a public confession of my faith, was the doctrine of the vicarious death and suffering of Christ. I felt myself a sinner, and found in Christ one who had died for my sins, paid the penalty due my sins." "For by grace are ye saved by faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God."

He goes on to say that after all his years of experience as a leader of the Indian church the atonement has become "in my thinking and in my life the great and sole differentiating line between Christianity and all other religions, so that when I became a Christian I felt, and feel it most strongly now, that a God all mercy is a God unjust. \* \* \* This continues to be my creed to this day."

The true apostolic succession is not a matter of method or of ordination or of ecclesiastical connection, but of the character of our message. Have we received first of all, and delivered first of all, the news of Christ's death for sin? Do we interpret that death not in terms of human philosophy, but in terms of the Old Testament Scriptures? Does the death of Christ hold the foremost place in our preaching, in our thinking, and in our missionary program?