

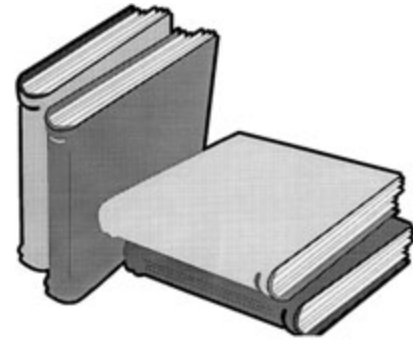
The Rock and Pit

*Look unto the rock whence ye are hewn,
and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.*

Isa 51:1

Selections from the Christian's heritage in print,

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In some cases persons may know the time and place of their conversion, yet it is not generally such. II.

At first, knowledge is usually scanty, experiences are indistinct, and views of divine things are confused and mixed with inconsistency.

Then shall ye know, if ye follow on to know the Lord. ... In time ... these effects are produced. ...

If God hath shown you the strictness and goodness of the law, and your obligations as the creature to love and obey him according to it, so as to convince you

that by nature and practice you are an inexcusable sinner, deserving of his wrath;

that none of your doings can make him your debtor [i.e., God owes you] or give you any claim upon his justice, ... [and]

that your best deeds [are] sinful, ...

and seeing this, [you]

take the blame to yourself, cast yourself on free mercy,

see a suitableness in God's way of saving sinners, ...

have learnt to see God's whole character lovely, ...

have learned to hate sin, to love holiness and follow after it, ...

to feel a spirit of cordial love to God's character, government, and gospel, gratitude to him for his mercies, zeal for his glory—wanting others to know, love, serve, and enjoy his favor ...

you have then the substantial evidences of conversion.... He witnesses with our spirits that we are God's children.

Thomas Scott (1742-1821)

Converted while he was a young curate (assistant minister) through his friendship with John Newton of Olney. Successor to Newton in Olney.

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