

ENCHANTED GROUNDS, HOPEFUL'S TESTIMONY TRUTHS TO PONDER

1. What kept Christian and Hopeful from falling asleep in the Enchanted Grounds?

Write how good conversation with fellow pilgrims can keep *you* from becoming spiritually drowsy.

2. Why did Hopeful forsake his love of treasures and sinful living?

3. How did Hopeful first react to the conviction of being “shaken by the word”?

4. How does God at first begin the conversion of a sinner?

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5. Write what you think Hopeful meant when he said, "Sin was yet very sweet to my flesh and I was loth to leave it."

6. Hopeful spoke of eight things that brought his sin to mind. Choose one of these that is also true in *your* life, and write how God uses that remembrance for your good.

7. When Hopeful endeavored to "mend" his life, what were some of the reformations he tried?

Why did these "amendments" not work?

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8. Complete Hopeful's statements.

- a. "I have committed enough sin in _____ to send me to _____, though my former life had been _____."
- b. "If I leave off [praying], I _____, and I can but die at the _____ of _____."
- c. "So I continued _____ until the _____ showed me His _____."

9. What was the greatest sadness that Hopeful had ever felt?

10. Draw lines to connect the correct questions and answers.

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| Lord, I am a very great sinner. | Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out. |
| How can such a great sinner be accepted by Thee? | Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. |
| How will my faith be placed aright upon Thee? | My grace is sufficient for thee. |

11. When Hopeful finally realized his salvation was in Christ *alone*, he said,

"And now was my heart full of _____, mine eyes full of _____, and mine _____ running over with _____ to the _____, _____, and _____ of Jesus Christ."

May you know this same joy as you think of what Jesus has done for you!