

# How They Found Christ

*in their own words*

— Expanded Edition —

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## Preface

This book brings together the personal testimonies of some of God's servants from the past to let them tell in their own words *How They Found Christ*. Nothing is more touching than to hear exactly what was taking place at the time a person found Christ. What was the state of their mind? What were their doubts? What problems were they facing? What were their religious concepts? How did they actually find Christ? What happened within them when they experienced Christ?

You may feel that you are the only one who is having doubts and inner conflicts over your relationship with God. You may even feel hopeless about finding Christ because of these problems, doubts, and concepts. If this is your case, reading this book can be the turning point in your life.

The various conditions that existed in the lives of the sixteen men and women presented in this book are the same that exist in our lives today. These conditions were present with them at the time they found Christ and may be summarized as follows: (1) Augustine — *a sinful life*, (2) Martin Luther — *a troubled conscience*, (3) John Calvin — *an arrested life*, (4) John Bunyan — *mental conflict*, (5) Madame Guyon — *a searching heart*, (6) John Wesley — *a defeated life*, (7) Jonathan Edwards

— *miserable seeking*, (8) George Whitefield — *a religious life*, (9) Charles Finney — *a proud heart*, (10) George Müller — *indifference toward God*, (11) Andrew Murray — *an impacted life*, (12) Hannah W. Smith — *a discovery of God*, (13) Hudson Taylor — *ignorance of the gospel*, (14) Charles Spurgeon — *a seeking heart*, (15) A. B. Simpson — *a desperate situation*, and (16) Watchman Nee — *a successful life*.

Their testimonies illustrate the many different conditions in which God's grace works to lead men's hearts to Christ. At the conclusion of each testimony, a brief explanation is given to apply from the Word of God how *you* can find Christ. And the last chapter shows you how you can have the assurance that you have found Him. May the Holy Spirit guide you into the reality of finding Christ as you enjoy the testimonies in this book.

— *Bill Freeman*  
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<sup>27</sup> “That they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel after Him *and find Him*. Yet He is not far from each one of us,  
<sup>28</sup> for in Him we live and move and have our being.”

— Acts 17:27-28

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