

reaching other lands.

Dear Reader, has the Saviour of St. Patrick won your heart? Have you like him been converted to God? Have you as he, had your "Unbelieving eyes opened"? Remember the words of Scripture: "Not by works of righteousness, we have done, but according to His mercy He **Saved** Us". (Titus 3;5.)

And again, "To him that worketh not, but believeth on Him who justifies the ungodly his faith is counted for righteousness". (Rom. 4;5.)

Christ's work justifies before God, good works justifies before men.

"I would not work my soul to save,
For that my Lord hath done.
But, I would work like any slave,
For love to God's dear Son".

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Saint Patrick



Saint Patrick, usually styled "Apostle of Ireland", was born on the banks of the Clyde, Scotland, about the year 372 A. D. It is said, that the present town of Kilpatrick, took its name from him. It is believed that the parents were Christians, and the father, it is said, was a deacon of the Church, while the grandfather, was a presbyter.

In his childhood days, his mother instilled into his young mind the great doctrines of Christianity — she was a sister of the celebrated "Martin", Archbishop of Tours.

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Apparently, however, young Succath (as he was called), like many other boys, responded little to his mother's teaching, and grew up a stranger to God and His Grace.

Changes came for the family, and leaving Scotland, they settled in Brittany (France). Here at the age of 16 while playing with his sister one day on the seashore, a band of Irish pirates commanded by one O'Neal, seized them both and sold them as slaves.

For some few years, he was put to the work of attending cattle. Here he experienced much cruelty and hardship, but it was here God spoke to him and his sins pressed heavily upon him. With much upbraiding he remembered his parents care and teaching. His past life was mirrored before him, and a great sin committed when a lad of 15 pressed upon his conscience day and night. He wept and prayed and with a soul weighed down with grief and remorse, he became utterly oblivious to cold and hardship to which he was exposed. He now had time to think, and remembered the care of his parents and the comforts of home. The tender loving words of his mother came to remembrance and these were used in the blessing of the lad. He says "I was 16 and knew not the true God; but in that strange land (Ireland) the Lord

opened my unbelieving eyes, and although late, I called my sins to remembrance and **was converted with my whole heart** to God my Lord, who regarded my low estate, and had pity on my youth and ignorance, consoling me as a Father consoles his children. The love of God increased more and more in me, with faith and fear of His name. The Spirit urged me to such a degree that I poured out as many as a hundred prayers in a day. During the nights in the forest, amid snow and rain, with frost and suffering I endured, seeking after God."

Sometime after, Succath regained his liberty and returned to Brittany; but his one desire was to preach to the (then pagan) Irish, among whom he had found the Saviour. In vain his parents tried to dissuade him, but he broke through all hindrances, and with a heart full of zeal, returned to Ireland where he desired to tell out the love of God.

Now 40 years old, it is said he was ordained a "Presbyter" and afterward consecrated "Bishop of the Irish".

This work and labor of love, led to Ireland afterward being called "The Isle of Saints." The labors of Patrick and his associates, however, was not confined to Ireland; but were largely the cause of the truth of Christianity