

This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.—1 Timothy 1. 15.

HOW TO BE CHEATED.

QLD Thomas Fuller gave wise advice when he said, "If you do not want to trade with the devil, keep out of his shop." This is in keeping with the prayer, "Lead us not into temptation."

Men may well be troubled with evil thoughts, and entertain all sorts of wrong ideas, if they will spend their time in places where Satan is king. "He is sure to be cheated who goes to a knave's shop," is a true proverb; so he that fraternizes with the world, participates in its pleasures, reads its books, follows its ways, and is occupied with the theatre on Wednesday, a foolish book on Thursday, the saloon on Friday, public house on Saturday, must be on the Lord's Day full of what has seen and heard during the week. Such a person has the world for his portion, is a despiser of the true riches, and in danger of endless perdition.

GIFTS.

But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.—Eph. iv. 7.

1. Every one has some gift; therefore all should be useful.
2. No one has all gifts; therefore none should be proud.
3. Every one has his gift, according to the gift of Christ; therefore all should be content.
4. Every one's gift is for the general good; therefore we should seek the unity of the Church.
5. All gifts are out of Christ's fullness, therefore all should seek close union and fellowship with Him.

There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

1 Cor. xii. 4.

A LOVING WORD TO YOUNG MEN.

YOUNG men think that religion has only to do with the heaven and the hell of the future. They live for the present, and say, 'We want to be happy here—we want to be free—to enjoy life—to be manly.' Have you not often such thoughts as these?

I know what young men are; and it is because the very things you want are to be found in Jesus Christ, and in Him alone, that I long for you to know Him as your Saviour, and rejoice in His favour and friendship—even now, while in this world. The gospel has not to do with the future alone, it has to do with the living present. The word of God teaches us that it is not only a thing to die by, but a thing to live by as well. The believer in Jesus, it is true, 'shall not come into condemnation,' and is sure of heaven—is passed from death unto life.' But that is not all; he has present blessings—the very things your inmost heart can desire. (John v. 24)

YOU WANT TO BE HAPPY! There is true joy in trusting to Jesus. Through faith in Him is proclaimed full pardon and complete justification, and, 'being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ.'

YOU WANT TO BE FREE! Not to be trammelled with the fetters of religion, as you think them. But you are utterly wrong. The worlding is fettered, bound hand and foot, a slave; while the Christian alone is a free man. God's word describes both: the unconverted as 'in the snare of the devil, and taken captive by him at his will;' the child of God as 'free.' 'If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.' (John viii. 36.)

YOU WANT LIFE! God says, 'He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life,' but is 'dead in trespasses and sins;' nay, more, 'He that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth

The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Romans vi. 23.