

will see that you ought to be saved, and that it is your privilege to be saved.

In the light of the above considerations we see the falsity and pernicious influence of Calvinism. According to Calvinism, conversion must be the result of a direct special, faith necessitating influence. According to Calvinism, God has not only decreed to give the special invincible influence of the Spirit to a certain and definite number, but has also appointed the time when it will be bestowed in every case. If it be maintained that conversion is caused by omnipotent energy, it is at once removed from the sphere of man's duty. And the direct tendency of such a doctrine is to make men careless and unconcerned as regards their eternal well-being or else to drive them into the regions of despair.

Why is it that many do not regard it as a privilege to be saved at once? Various reasons may be given. But it seems to us that they are all resolvable into this, that men are unwilling to give up sin. To be saved by faith in Jesus involves the giving up of sin. But men love sin, and they are prone to banish from their minds all thoughts respecting their state in God's sight. Thus do men resist God's efforts to save them. Reader, know that God seeks to save you *now*. He saves for Jesus sake. Jesus died for you. As a sinner, rest on his atoning death for you, and be at peace with God.—A.

THE REASONS WHY MANY ARE CALLED AND FEW CHOSEN. *of called*

Having in a previous article shewn that one good reason why the invitations of the Gospel are addressed to all is, because provision has been actually made for all, and that another good reason is, because all the persons in the Godhead are anxious that sinners should enjoy the blessings of salvation, which are so fully and so freely provided; let us now look for a little at the important question, *why are only a portion of those to whom the Gospel is addressed chosen or elected?* There must be some reason why many to whom the gospel is addressed remain unsaved, and are at last cast away. What is the reason why few are chosen? It cannot be because the love of God is limited to a few; for God, as we have seen, loves all men with unspeakable love, and gave his own and only begotten Son to a lost and self-ruined world as an expression of that love. It cannot be because atonement has