

THE TWO WAYS.

“**B**EHOLD I set before you the way of life, and the way of death.” (Jer. xxi, 8).
“Therefore choose life.” (Deut. xxx, 19).

Dear friend, is it not joy to know God first offers life, and entreats your acceptance; death being His unwilling alternative to the rejectors of life. “Say unto them, as I live, saith the Lord, I have no pleasure in the death of the *wicked*, for why will ye die.” (Jer. xxxiii, 12). But God’s holiness must be maintained. You cannot slight His way of salvation, and ultimately escape hell. Let us be very clear on those two points: “The way of life,” and “The way of death.” Now God is not willing that any should perish, and in heart-rending words He cries, “Ye will not come to me that ye might have life.” (John v, 40). Oh, my friend, if death be your portion it is your own awful choice, but we cannot believe it will be so; and earnestly do we entreat God to give you seeing eyes, hearing ears, and a believing heart, that you may come to Him who is “the way, the truth, and the life.” (John xiv, 6). That blessed One, God’s well beloved Son, was “made sin for us, who knew no sin: that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.” (II Cor. v, 21). Is not this a wonderful truth that He who was intrinsic holiness, and spotless purity was made sin, (what a thought!) and for us. Yes, dear fellow-sinner, and that to make you the righteousness of God in Him, that you might be redeemed from the curse of the law,