

we say of this gentleman we say of all others who claim to be the Lord's ambassadors.

In our second Epistle we will invite whosoever has the hearing ear to listen to heaven's prescriptions to change a sinful man into a disciple of the Lord.

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## HOW ARE MEN SAVED FROM SIN?

### EPISTLE NO. II.

[Dedicated to all modern ambassadors and to all those whom they have incorrectly taught.]

Multitudes of men—in Judea, in Samaria, and in distant Gentile parts—are spoken of in the oracles of the new covenant as rejoicing in the remission of sins. Can we learn with certainty how they were converted? We answer, YES. We enter upon the work at once.

On the very day that the Spirit baptized the apostles in Judea's chief city, one thousand men multiplied by three confessed Jesus and had their sins remitted. Let us approach one of these converts and inquire how he was saved. With open ears and open minds let us listen to him. Frankly he will speak; frankly let us hear. He is able to tell a sinner's experience, a convert's experience, and a christian experience; and as it is conversion into which we inquire, let us hear his experience as a sinner and as a convert.

He begins thus—

'I was a resident of Jerusalem. My instructors the Doctors of the Law spoke much and disparagingly about a carpenter's son, born at Bethlehem and brought up at Nazareth, a young Sodom, out of which it was supposed nothing excellent could come. Jesus was his name. They said and I believed that he was under Beelzebub. No man could dispute that he did what no other one ever did; but the ambassadors who claimed to sit as high in authority as Moses told me and others that his wonders were wrought not in Good but in Evil. I devoutly heard every syllable against him and thought with my neighbors, upon the word and honor of the ordained Pharisees, that he was an impostor.

'At one time, while this Jesus was in the city, I chanced to pass an obscure guest-chamber where the noted opposer of my teachers and