

God such an enormous sum, and He announces to you a free pardon, in the words I have repeated, what is He looking for from you?"

The look of intelligence which shone in his eyes at these words, proclaimed that the light had penetrated the obscurity of this soul, and he replied with earnestness—"He wishes that I should believe that Jesus Christ has paid my debt, Oh! how good this news is, I have never seen it so clearly."

"Ah!" I said, "this is the gospel which has been so often spoken to you, but which in truth, you have now heard for the first time. This is good news from God for sinners, who were waiting the execution of the sentence of death. "By Him (Jesus Christ) all that believe are justified from all things," (Acts xiii. 39,) and as I read to him from my Bible passage after passage, showing the immediate and complete justification of the sinner who accepts the offered mercy, his face, hitherto so inanimate, was now lighted up with a radiant smile as he repeated in a feeble and shaking voice, "Oh! how good this news is, never in my life have I laid hold of it before."

When he was asked some days after this conversation, what his mind was occupied with, he said, "I pray God to show me more."

"What! are you asking to see more as to your forgiveness?"

"Oh! No sir," said he quickly, "I hold it."

Thus resting on the work accomplished by the Lord Jesus, he expired peaceably; and his spirit departed to be with Jesus, for God has said, "whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life."