

vation of the children and youth, is THE IMMEDIATE CONVERSION OF THE SOUL TO GOD.—No subject to the christian is more deeply interesting, and surely none can be more important. Although, it is true, that seed sown in childhood is not lost, yet it is of the first importance, that vigorous efforts should constantly be made to impress directly upon the mind of the child, his relation to his Creator, and the duties which arise therefrom. We are too apt to think that by storing the mind with portions of scripture, we do all the nature of the case will warrant. But we are not to wait in expectation of some distant period, when the Holy Spirit will revive in the memory of the child, the seed which had long before been deposited, and produce conviction of sin, and an application to the atonement of Christ. But we are to feel that God is ready and willing to convert children and youth now, as well as at some future period! and that it is the first and most important duty of the teacher to labour assiduously for the immediate salvation of the deathless spirits committed to his charge. Earnest and fervent prayer is of vital importance to the speedy production of the glorious results contemplated in the above remarks. It is through this medium, that our Creator confers his most signal blessings upon a fallen world. Every lesson, therefore, should be immersed by the teacher and parent in earnest prayer; and when they gather around them their children and Sunday scholars, their souls should constantly ascend with devout aspirations to the Father of mercies for their immediate salvation. I do not believe, that truth implanted in children's hearts, must lie dormant. The precious promises of God forbid such an opinion. The hopes of the church, as well as of the world, depend upon the rising generation; and I do sincerely rejoice that the opinion is fast

dying away, that children and youth are too young for conversion. The writer of this article was himself but twelve years of age, when first made to know the Lord—whom to know aright is life eternal. Multitudes, even younger than the writer, have been converted to Christ. The child is most susceptible to religious truth: age hardens the heart and stupifies the conscience; hence youth is the spring time for successful effort; the most promising season in life for labour. Parents and teachers, are not these things so? Then if you would increase the interest of our Sunday schools—enlarge the church of God—“and have a full heaven and an empty hell”—servently and earnestly seek the immediate conversion of your children and Sunday scholars.

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#### CHRYSOStOM ON THE LEARNING OF THE APOSTLE PAUL.

[In presenting the following extract, the translator deems it expedient to make a few remarks, in order to prepare the reader for its perusal. The author, John Chrysostom, was born at Antioch in Syria, A. D. 347, and died in exile at the age of sixty, after being for several years Bishop of Constantinople. He is one of the most eminent Fathers of the Greek Church, both on account of his eloquence, which gained for him the surname *Chrysostom* or *Golden-mouth*, and on account of the value and extent of his writings. The best edition of his works, by Montfancon, Paris 1718-1738, consists of thirteen folio volumes. His most celebrated productions are the Homilies on various parts of Scripture, and the treatise on the Ministerial Office (Περί Ἱερωσύνης). The latter work, though by no means free from crude and extravagant opinions, is well worthy of being perused by Theological students,