

## INTRODUCTION.

nor can he escape from his evil nature, by any efforts that he may put forth. The salvation which has been merited for him by the death, resurrection and mediation of Christ, and which the Gospel reveals, fully meets his deplorable case.

It comprehends two great blessings—justification and entire sanctification—by which we understand deliverance from the guilt of actual transgression and from the power of inherited depravity. This salvation is obtained by faith in the atoning blood of Jesus Christ.

Whatever may be the depth of a man's penitential sorrow, the intensity of his desire to please and enjoy the presence of the Saviour, or the earnestness and importunity of his prayers, he is not justified and regenerated till he exercise a lively faith in the meritorious offering of Him who died without the gate. When he pleads the blood forgiveness is sealed upon his conscience, and the sin that dwelleth in him ceases to have the dominion. He becomes fully justified as if he had never committed a single sin, but had actually fulfilled all righteousness; and hence there is nothing to hinder the communication of the Holy Spirit in all His plenitude of regenerating power.

This salvation is a matter of personal consciousness. There is the spirit of adoption in the believing heart, crying, "Abba, Father"; and happy is the man whom the Son thus makes free.