

The atonement was an event that took place "once for all," on one spot, at one period,—on Calvary, eighteen hundred years ago; redemption is constantly occurring in all parts of the earth, and in all periods of time.—A. B.

DO YOU WANT SALVATION?

THEN remember that acceptance with God, forgiveness of sins, present justification from all things, is not to be had by all the doing, striving, or feeling of any man: Salvation is in Christ; Peace only through his precious blood. He did all the doing and suffering needed.

Christ is now risen from the dead; there is a glorified man in heaven. Once he hung upon the cross—for sins not his own, but yours! Drop your deadly doings, and deadly self, at his feet. He answered for thy sin, in the very nature, too, in which sin was committed. His priceless blood perfectly finished the atoning work in all its relations to a perfect life. The Father accepted the sacrifice made on Calvary for thy sins; and now this Saviour, exalted to the right hand of God, from that very throne of glory and exaltation, offers thee a present, full, and perfect salvation. He offers it without money and without price. Accept it as a free gift. The gift is only to "him who worketh not, but believeth on Him"—Him "who justifieth the ungodly."

He can perfectly save thee from besetting sin; that sin that is always in thy way, hindering thy usefulness, obstructing thy progress, tripping thee in the race, disgracing thee in the sight of God and man. He can deliver—save thee from that, and every other. When? Now! His prayer for thee is, "Deliver him from going down into the pit: I have found a ransom." Believe in Him; look to Him; trust Him to do as He has said; obey Him!

THE VALUE OF TIME.

RECKONING three hundred and thirteen working days in a year; eight working hours to each day:—

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5 minutes.	} Lost in each day	{	3	2	5
10 "			6	4	10
20 "			13	0	20
30 "			19	4	30
60 "	} a year	{	39	1	0

Take care of the minutes, they are responsibilities for which account will have to be rendered.

CHRIST OUR SALVATION.

REMEMBER, it is not *thy hold* of Christ that saves thee; it is Christ: it is not *thy joy* in Christ that saves thee; it is Christ: it is not *thy faith* in Christ, though that is the instrument; it is Christ's blood and merit. Therefore, look not so much to thy hand, with which thou art grasping Christ, as to Christ; look not to thy hope, but to Jesus, the source of thy hope; look not to thy faith, but to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of thy faith. We shall never find happiness by looking at our prayers, our doings, or our feelings: it is what *Jesus* is, not what *we* are, that gives rest to our souls. If we would at once overcome Satan, and have peace with God, it must be by "looking unto Jesus." Let not thy hopes or fears come between thee and Jesus: follow hard after him, and he will never fail thee.

TO OUR READERS.

On account of sickness, the Editor begs to apologise to the readers of *Earnest Christianity* for the lateness of this issue.

BASKET OF FRAGMENTS.

THE poles for the telegraph wires may be properly set, and the wires be stretched over mountain and valley, hill and plain, or the cable be laid down in the ocean's depths, and yet no message be borne over them for ever. But let the battery be attached, let the electric current be brought to bear upon these wires, and messages will be flashed with lightning speed over all the land, down through the coral columns of the sea, until the whole world is brought into almost instantaneous communication. So now let the connection be formed between the Eternal Spirit and the machinery of the Church, and the whole will be set in motion, and messages of mercy and of salvation will be borne over all lands, and over all seas.—LEWIS R. DUNN.

THE philosopher's stone has been found by Christians only. Christ Jesus is the true philosopher's stone—the stone that turns our afflictions into joys. Let us have but Christ, and he will sanctify all our afflictions, and make them light.—BAXTER.

"Meet it is, and just, and right,
That we should be wholly thine;
In thy only will delight,
In thy blessed service join."

AMONG the brotherhood I am but a child; yet it sometimes seems to me I could whisper even in the ears of greater men, a more excellent way. Wesley tells it; the Bible tells it. Let every Methodist minister get, keep, preach full salvation. God would seal His sanctifying Word.—Thomas Collins.