

## LOST.

**S**ATAN has blinded the mind of the sinner, and he is LOST (2 Cor. iv. 3-4); and until he is begotten by the word of the gospel (1 Cor. iv. 15; 1 Pet. i. 23-24) he is still dead in sins. But when born of God he has eternal life, and is become painfully sensible of his guilt, and unfitness for the presence of God. If his convictions are wrought by the Spirit, as the result of new birth, he will be led on to godly sorrow and repentance unto salvation, by faith in the gospel of the death and resurrection of Christ (1 Cor. xv. 1-4.)

The sinner *must* have eternal life, or perish (John iii. 14-16); but having eternal life he must have the knowledge of salvation by the remission of his sins, or he is without peace with God. Some have mistaken life for salvation, and are saying, "Peace, peace, when there is no peace." This is self-deception which subjects them to doubts and fears, and they hope it may turn out all right with them at the end. Yet in their fancied peace, they know their sins are not gone. When this false peace is gone, they are ready to believe the gospel of their salvation, which is followed by the sealing of the Spirit. Eph. i. 13. 14).

Now they know they are saved by grace, through faith in the gospel, and not by works. But "good works," which prove their faith in