2nd. Eternal life is a "Gift; and you don't need to pray for it;" but in simple faith receive it. (Rom. vi, 23, John v, 14). Wondrous truth, God's gift to lost and ruined man, the guilty sinner, the whosoevers of earth's remotest bounds.

3rd. Assurance or "knowledge of salvation."
"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life." (I John v, 8-13). What grace! God has written to all those that believe on the name of His Son, that they (and they only) may (not merely have "a good hope but") know that they have eternal life. What blessed assurance this gives. God has said it, who may doubt it? who dare question it? and what power in heaven or hell can change it. Yes God has said it, this gives peace, this gives rest, eternal, everlasting peace and joy to the conscience stricken, sin burdened soul. Reader hast thou got eternal life, God's gift? Judgment's coming.

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
See Him dying on the tree!

'Tis the Christ by man rejected!
Yes, my soul, 'tis He 'tis He!
Mark the sacrifice appointed!
See who bears the awful load!

'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed,
Son of man, and Son of God.