

was he to do. He was told that all that was necessary was done already; and God's two "musts" were pointed out to him, viz. "Ye *must* be born again," and "the Son of Man *must* be lifted up." Man being ruined in his very nature, must have a new life and nature; but also God must have a righteous basis upon which to impart life, and this is found in the atoning death of Jesus. "Sin has reigned unto death," but now Christ is on high, grace reigns "through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom. v. 21). God's first *must* has found its answer by faith. "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God." (I John v. 1). His *second* was accomplished when the Son of Man was lifted up on the cross, "That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

"Ah!" said he, "that puts it in a new light, and I am thankful to know it." He had been "trying" for years but was never satisfied. *Now* he knew it was all finished, God was satisfied, glorified; he had eternal life by faith in the Son of God and knew it, being assured by His own word, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me hath everlasting life." (John vi. 47).

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Had man simplicity enough to believe the testimony of God concerning himself as lost, under sin; and His testimony concerning Christ as the Saviour, he would be pardoned on the spot; for man can only be saved through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.