

glowing and rich expression, are you assured that pardon shall be granted to a repentant soul. Young man, this is the first step. Believe, and drop at the cross your burden of the sins of the past. Start a free man!

This is the second step,—offer your life gratefully, lovingly, to the Friend and Saviour of your soul. The noblest, divinest lives ever lived among men had this as their starting-point—a solemn and blessed surrender of themselves to God. Ask for His Spirit to help you in this surrender and to make you faithful. His ear will be swift to hearken. "Rise morning by morning to read, to worship, to pray. Behold the face of God before you behold the face of man, and then go forth to make sorrow smile and burdens fall and sin to hide its head,—to make trade honest, literature pure, and conversation holy." Love to Christ as His saved one will make His yoke easy, will make the cross light, will make life to have a magnificent meaning, will break the force of temptation, and will make sin to you the hateful thing. Fail you may; but with such a purpose of consecration you may draw without doubt on the patient benignity and forgiving love of your Saviour. Sneered at, and even hated you may be; but you may boldly say, "The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." Such a daily