

remission of sins." Acts x. 39-43. The believer, all believers in Christ dead, risen and glorified are freely and forever pardoned through His precious blood. See 1 John i. 7.

This is better than free-agency. It is *free pardon* through grace, but in righteousness through the death and resurrection of Christ. "Be it known unto you therefore men and brethren, that through this man" (Christ risen and glorified) "is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins; and by Him ALL *that believe* are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses." Acts xiii. 38-39.

But is the believer free to do as he pleases? By no means: he is the bond-servant of Christ, his Redeemer; bought with a price, His precious blood, yet His Lord's freeman forever (1 Cor. vii. 22). This is true liberty, the liberty of grace based on the accomplished righteousness of God on the cross.

DEAR friend, if you have to do with Jesus *now* as your Saviour, you need not fear if death should overtake you. If *in Christ*, you are safe for all eternity. But *out of Christ*, unwashed, unforgiven, you will meet God as your judge, a *righteous* Judge. Think of the end, the awful end, of the *certain* rich man. *He died*, and doubtless some would have said of him as it is said of many now, "He passed away very peacefully" ignorant of the Scripture which says of the wicked "There are no bands in their death."* (Psalm 73. 4.)