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Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God.—*Peter*. On this Rock I will bulp  
my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.—*The Lord Messiah*.

## A DISCOURSE ON SIN AND ITS CURE.

—BY ALYETT RAINES, OF KENTUCKY.

Therefore, as by Adam all die, so also, by Christ shall all be made alive. But  
every one in his own rank: Christ the first fruit, they that are Christ's, afterwards,  
at his coming.—NEW VERSION. 1 Cor. xv. 22, 23.

### *Brethren and Fellow Citizens:*

THE subject of our discourse is emphatically important. There is  
not, perhaps within the whole range of human knowledge, another in  
which we should feel a deeper interest; to which we should give a more  
fixed and prayerful attention.

That sin is in our world, no christian denies. How diversified so-  
ever may be our opinions in reference to other facts, there is none in  
respect to the prevalence of sin. Its nature too, how malignant! its  
consequences, how appalling! If its malignity and its consequences  
were limited to this terrestrial state; if they could not by any possibility  
molest us beyond the grave; yet, we see enough of it in the present  
world, enough of its turpitude and of its tendency to the production of  
misery, to demonstrate that it is an evil fraught with infernal venom,  
every way injurious and destructive, and above all things to be dreaded  
and abhorred.

Our discourse will, from the nature of the topics which it is designed  
to embrace, naturally exhibit itself under two heads:

1st, SIN. 2nd; its CURE. To each of these we request the serious  
and candid attention of the reader.

FIRST. We shall discourse on the subject of sin. But before we  
proceed, permit us to warn the reader, that we by no means intend  
pursuing this subject through its diversified ramifications. We shall  
aim at brevity. We shall endeavor to exhibit the enormity of sin, the  
malignity of this moral leprosy of the soul, with the view to arouse  
sinners from their lethargy; to awaken them to a sense of their dan-  
ger: to direct their mind's eye to the mortal wounds and bruises which  
sin has already inflicted; to turn them, if possible, from that eternal  
death, to which undeviatingly they are tending. In other words, to  
make them feel, deeply and pungently feel, the value of the remedies  
of the gospel.