He is a sinner saved, and no more to be the football of the world, the flesh, and the devil, true if he has lived long in sin, he may have to say as Augustine, "Lord I began to love thee too late, the devil was too long in me, my will got too much twisted, it is the rudder that turns the boat oftimes as I do not want it to go." He may even be as one who seemed to be saved but sadly fell and when rebuked said, "what can you expect of public house sweepings?" Such saved ones may fail in particular battles but they shall not in the whole campaign. They may have intermediate failures but they shall have final victory. Drunkards have been made sober, thieves honest, unclean persons chaste, and they have lived on for years, compared with the best of unsaved men, clean without and white within: and when they died, they went, we hope, to heaven. "Such were some of you but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus." As the stars of heaven is the number Christ Jesus saved from childhood, before they were enslaved by the power of sinful habit. And as the majority die in infancy, we cherish the hope, that as the sands on the sea-shore is the number Christ Jesus came to save.

"Ere the world its snares around them threw
Or its sins and its cares they ever knew,"

Christ Jesus came into the world to save, not a few, but "a great multitude which no man can number." Will you and I, when a few days or years have come and gone, stand among that multitude in everlasting glory? Blessed saying! Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

III. OUR DUTY TO ACCEPT THIS SAYING; "CHRIST JESUS CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS."

We should accept it because it is a faithful and worthy saying. Wherever this saying was accepted, men were delivered from bondage of sin, lived lofty Christ-like lives and triumphed over the fear of death But, as the acceptance of a medical prescription will not save the sick unless he also take the medicine prescribed, no more will the intellectual acceptance of this saying, Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, save unless we also accept, lovingly and joyfully, Christ Jesus Himself. "To as many as received HIM to them gave He power to become the Sons of God, even to them that believe on His name."