

WHOSOEVER !

WHOSOEVER means *anyone*. Now, just let us read John iii, 16 together, and change the word whosoever: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that *anyone* who believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." How strange that more souls do not take advantage of this message of mercy and receive eternal life! It is without money and without price—free—for anyone. Reader, if unsaved, do *you* take it, and take it *now*.

I remember hearing a story that has been often told, and which illustrates the simple point I for the moment press. In every detail I may not relate it with the greatest exactitude, but the chief feature of the incident is as fresh before my mind as on the day it was first told me. It runs thus: An old woman was dying. She had but a brief time to live. By her bedside sat a little girl reading the scriptures to her. She was reading this chapter (John iii.), and had reached verse 16, when the poor old woman's attention was arrested by the word *whosoever*. She stopped the child, and asked her what "whosoever" meant. She replied that she did not know. "Then," said the woman, "run as quickly as you can and ask the first person you meet." The girl put down the Bible and ran away to inquire the meaning of "whosoever." The first person she saw, she stopped and

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