

He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without Me ye can do nothing.—John xv. 5.

THREEFOLD SALVATION.



YOU may remember the ancient fable of the man who was chained to the rocks by his cruel and relentless enemy. At his feet the waves of the sea are rolling in; over his head, and upon his bare shoulders, the rays of a tropical sun are beating; near his lips, but not within reach (for his hands are manacled with heavy chains), is placed a cup of cold water and a biscuit; the man is slowly dying of starvation. Over his head there hovers a huge and rapacious bird of prey. It is just in the act of swooping down to strike its talons into the unhappy man's flesh, when a blow from an unseen hand lays the great bird lifeless at its victim's feet. Recovering his senses, for he had fainted, the captive looks up and perceives the form of his would-be deliverer fading away in the distance. Gathering up all his remaining strength, he cries, in tones of deepest despair, "Hold, hold! come back, come back! You have only half saved me. If you

would deliver me from a more terrible and painful fate, strike off these chains, and set me free." But his voice dies away in the distance, and the retreating form turns not at his prayer.

Now, that was only a half salvation. He was saved from the more immediate death by the bird, only to be left a prey to death by drowning, or the lingering death by starvation. It was at best only a half salvation. But the salvation which the Lord Jesus Christ offers is a full and complete salvation. It is a finished work. The Lord Jesus Christ, by the atonement He has made, takes up the sentence of our condemnation, and, bearing it Himself, leaves behind the precious promise, "Sin shall not have dominion over you, for ye are not under the law, but under grace." This salvation is threefold. It is—

1. *Present salvation from the PENALTY of sin.*
2. *Present salvation from the POWER of sin.*
3. *Future salvation from the PRESENCE of sin.*

In this threefold salvation which Christ offers, there is a glorious provision for all your spiritual need. Permit me to ask, in all tenderness and affection, whether you have accepted it? "How SHALL we escape if we neglect so GREAT salvation?" Delay no longer. "NOW IS THE ACCEPTED TIME;" TO-DAY IS THE "DAY OF SALVATION."

REMEMBER

—THE—

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING

HELD

Every Saturday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK, FOR ONE HOUR.

COME.

Then said they all, Art Thou the Son of God? And He said unto them, Ye say that I am.—Luke xxii. 70.