

ings?" O reader, such will be, such must be the portion of your cup if you will live and die unconverted.

You are not to fancy for a moment that you have the power to redeem your soul from this fearful destruction. No, you cannot, and no other man can; for no man can redeem his brother, or give to God a ransom for him. You cannot pay the ransom price. Indeed you can do nothing to satisfy offended justice for a single sin that you have committed. And unless help come from on high, unless a Saviour is provided for you, you are undone, for ever undone.

This being the case, it is surely a question of the very greatest importance, Has a ransom been found for me? Is there a Saviour provided for me?

The question is not can you redeem your own soul,—no; but has a ransom, a Redeemer, or a Saviour been provided, who is able and willing to save you with an everlasting salvation? Yes, reader, a ransom has been found. Blessed be God, a Saviour has been provided. He who is the Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, "said, Deliver from going down to the pit, I have found a ransom." The ransom found is the Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God who came from the bosom of his Father. He whom Moses designates "the seed of the woman." He whom Jeremiah designates "the Lord our righteousness." He whom Isaiah calls "the wonderful counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." *The ransom found*, is "the root and the offspring of David, the bright and morning star." Solomon's "Rose of Sharon," Daniel's "Messiah," Micah's "Ruler in Israel," and the Baptist's "Lamb of God." The ransom is Christ, the true light, the Saviour of the world, the Son of Mary, the Son of God; God in our nature, God manifest in the flesh. He whose birth was foretold by prophets, announced by angels, and who was cradled in the manger at Bethlehem, is the ransom found. He who was brought up in the town of Nazareth, who preached and performed miracles in Palestine, and who went about continually doing good, is the ransom found. He suffered and died on Calvary. "He gave himself a ransom for all." "He tasted death for every man." "He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world." Dear reader, it must be true that Jesus gave himself a ransom for you. His precious blood was shed for you; he was wounded for your transgressions, he was bruised for your iniquities; the chas-