

Whosoever liveth and believeth in Me, shall never die—John xi. 26.

(ORIGINAL.)

Old John.

DEAR old John! As I looked at him, and saw his face shining with joy, I could not but thank God for the wonderful change which had been wrought in him. But who is he? and of what change do I speak?

John was one in whom I had taken a deep interest for many a year—for whom many a prayer had been offered—but whose heart was hard—and at last he almost seemed to avoid me, for he feared to be spoken to. He was a drunkard, and every year his love for drink increased; and though a good workman, his home was not so comfortable as it might have been,—for, instead of his money coming to his wife and children, it went to the tavern-keeper's family, making them have many things which his own family had to go without,—so that he was really spending his time and strength for naught, so far as his own were concerned. That was John. Now for the change:—I cannot tell you all about it, for I could speak for hours, and that would weary you; but I will simply tell you what that dear man said not long ago, in a meeting to which I had the privilege to go. Some one rises to speak. *Listen!* Can this be my friend, John, with whom I had so often pleaded, but who remained so unmoved? Yes, this is he. *Listen* to his words:—"I stand before you to-night a saved man! Oh! what can I say to express the marvellous way in which God has led me! You all know me. You know what I *was*,—a drunkard, a vile sinner. You all know what I *AM*,—a new creature in Christ Jesus! Oh! what can I do but praise the Lord? and I do from the bottom of my heart." Then turning to the young men of the village, he

said, "Young men, I must speak a word to you. My one regret now is, that I did not serve the Lord when I was young and strong. Be warned by me. Give him your hearts while you can do something for Him. He is such a good Master, that you will just delight to serve Him. Do not, oh, do not make the mistake I did, but come to Him now, and spend your lives for the dear Lord, and never have the sorrow I have had because I did not come sooner." Then turning to the old men, he said, "Old men, I have a word for you too. Do not be discouraged by what I have said to the young men. You have been my comrades in *sin*; be my comrades now in my new life, and let us go to heaven together. You cannot do much for Jesus, but do what you can; give Him your hearts now, and He will receive you as He received the poor old sinner, John. I came to Him, and I found His words to be quite true, 'Him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out; so WILL you, for the same Saviour who has saved me, will save you, and that now.'"

Dear reader, are you saved? Young or old, to you I would earnestly speak. Is old John's Saviour yours? Are you a changed man or woman? If not, remember Jesus speaks to you *to-day*, through this dear saved sinner.

THE GOSPEL ALPHABET. No. 4.

They that hate Me loveth Death.—Prov. viii. 36.
To be carnally minded is Death.—Rom. viii. 6.
Sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth Death.—Jas. i. 15.



Once I was **DEAD** in sin,
And hope within me died,
But now I'm **DEAD** to sin,
With Jesus crucified.

I live—and yet, not I,
But Christ that lives in me;
Who from the law of sin
And **DEATH** hath made me free

Death is swallowed up in victory.—1 Cor. xv. 54.
Jesus hath abolished Death.—2 Tim. i. 10.
And there shall be no more Death.—Rev. xxi. 4.

ner. *Accept Jesus, and you are SAVED. Reject Him, and you are LOST.* D—A—.

NO scientist has ever yet found a crowbar strong enough to move the Rock of Ages, or a telescope powerful enough to discover a spot on the Sun of Righteousness.—*Dr. R. R. Meredith.*

SALVATION.

The **Compassion** of Christ **Inclines** Him to save sinners.
The **Power** of Christ **enables** Him to save sinners.
The **Promise** of Christ **Binds** Him to save sinners.