

"Not by Works of Righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us."—Titus iii. 5.

"He Led Them by the Right Way."

(Ps. cvii. 7.)

GOD led the Israelites to and fro, forward and backward, as in a maze or labyrinth, and yet all the while under the direction of the pillar of the cloud. He led them about, and yet He led them aright. His way in bringing people home is always the best, though it may not be the nearest.—*Matthew Henry.*

WHAT CHRIST MAY BE TO ANY

He is the *path*, if any be misled,

He is a *robe*, if any naked be,

If any chance to hunger, He is *bread*,

If any be a bondman, He is free.

If any be but weak, how *strong* is He,

To dead men, *life* He is; to sick men *health*;

To blind men, *sight*; and to the needy, *wealth*;

A *pleasure* without loss, a *treasure* without stealth.

NO MAN can lift himself above the world unless he takes hold of something higher than the world; he cannot lift himself out of himself unless he grasps something higher than himself.

ODD-JOB CHRISTIANS.

AT some services in Liverpool, a man spoke at an experience meeting. He said, "I used to be an odd-job Christian; now, thank God, I'm on full time." Are we odd-job Christians, working for Jesus when it suits us, and the rest of the time pleasing ourselves? I am afraid most of us are guilty. What do we want? Why, we want a baptism of the Holy Spirit.

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." (Eccl. ix. 10.)

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." Zech. iv. 6.

WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

WHEN we were in Venice we purchased a few curiosities, and finding them burdensome, we thought of sending them home by one of the English vessels lying in the Canal. We went out in a gondola with our box, and having asked for the captain of one of the vessels, we put to him the question, "Will you take a box for us to London, and what is the charge?" His reply was very ready, "*I can't say till I know what's in it*, for I don't want to get into trouble." A very common-sense answer indeed: *we* admired its caution and honesty.

What a pity that men do not exercise as much care in spiritual matters, as to what they will receive or reject. Dear reader, in these times there are thousands of bad books published, and herds of bad teachers sent forth to deceive the unwary; you must be on your guard, lest you be led into error. Take nothing for granted, enquire into things for yourself, and try every new doctrine, and professedly old doctrine too, by the Word of God. You may take contraband goods on board before you are aware of it; keep both eyes open, watch and examine, and when a thing is pressed upon you, *find out what's in it.*—*Spurgeon.*

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

Every Monday Evening,

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

ALL INVITED.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

Acts xvi. 31.