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"I am the light of the world."

"Preach the Gospel to every creature."—JESUS.

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IMMEDIATE SALVATION—THE DUTY AND PRIVILEGE OF EVERY GOSPEL HEARER.

It is our purpose, in this paper, to show that it is the duty and privilege of every hearer of the gospel to be saved at once.

To be saved is to be delivered from the punishment due to sin. All have sinned. The sinner is in danger of hell. Death to the soul—the deprivation of everything that can render existence desirable—the eternal separation of the soul from God and good, the part it has chosen in sinning, is the penalty due to sin. To be saved is to be delivered from exposedness to this penalty. To be saved is to be delivered from penal evil, to be pardoned. With this is connected, or, as some may be disposed to say, another element in this salvation is, deliverance from the polluting influence of sin. Sin darkens the soul and corrupts the heart; so that the sinner needs to be saved from sin itself as well as from its penalty. And, so admirably is the gospel adapted to man's wants as a sinner, that, while he receives pardon by the faith of the gospel, he is regenerated by the power of the truth about God's love to him in the gift of Jesus, which he believes. Thus, when the gospel is believed, the sinner is introduced into a state of safety, as he continues in the faith, and under the power of the truth, he enjoys the favour of God, and grows in purity—in meetness for heaven, holding fast the beginning of his confidence until the end, he is completely saved and admitted into glory.