

THE TRUE PATH.

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GOD has given us His word and on its inspired pages we read: "For I delivered unto you first of all that which also I received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures" (1 Cor. xv: 3). Notice here the phrase "First of all, I delivered unto you." Now this scripture is very precious because it shows us just what Paul preached first; it gives us his starting point, his first lesson. From Athens he had gone down to Corinth where the Lord told him He had "much people" (Acts xviii: 10), and there he preached and taught for a year and a half. Some years after this he writes to these Corinthian people reminding them of what he had FIRST taught them. What was it? "Christ died for our sins." You see it was a message that met their *need*, for were they not sinners before God? Have you, dear reader, taken your place before God a sinner?

"All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. iii: 13). If you turn to Luke xviii you will read there of one who took his true place before God. His very brief prayer is given in v. 13. "God be merciful to me a sinner." He owns himself a sinner deserving nothing but judgment, and immediately the Lord has something very encouraging to say of him;