

**I**T is related of a certain king of ancient times, that becoming alarmed at the rapid increase of immoral practices in his kingdom, he published an edict condemning any guilty of a certain offence to have both their eyes put out by the public executioner. It so happened that the first culprit taken was his own son. However, the law must be carried out, but as soon as one eye had been destroyed, the king said: "STOP! LET THE OTHER EYE BE TAKEN FROM ME, I AND MY SON ARE ONE!" The aged king came down from his throne, and submitted himself to the hands of justice. Historians tell us how greatly the spectators were moved by this scene.

After all, what was this sacrifice in comparison with that of the Son of God, in giving His life for us? More than everything else, more than words can express, the cross of Christ shows us the enormity of our sins, the greatness of the judgment under which Christ came to deliver us, the greatness of the love of God, who gave His Son to save a ruined world. Christ took our place, submitted to judgment for us, and, having believed on Him, He assures us that we are one, frees us from all condemnation, pardons us and gives us eternal life.

"He that believeth on Him is not condemned," "but is passed from death unto life." (Jno. vii: 18. v: 24.)