

'God our Saviour, who will have **ALL MEN TO BE SAVED**, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.'—1 Tim. ii. 3, 4.

will tell you what probably may be the cause of it. It may be,' said he, 'you do not *steep* your seed?' 'No, truly,' replied the other, 'nor did I ever hear that seed must be steeped.' 'Yes, surely,' said his neighbour, 'and I will tell you how: it must be *steeped in prayer.*'

SCRIPTURE THE BEST FOUNDATION FOR THEOLOGY.

THE late Mrs. Graham of New York regarded with particular esteem the works of Dr. Owen, the Rev. William Romaine, and the Rev. John Newton, and read them with pleasure and profit. One day she remarked to Mr. B——, her son-in-law, that she preferred the ancient writers on theology to the modern, because they dealt more in italics. 'Dear mother' he replied, 'what religion can there be in *italics*?' 'You know, said she, 'that old writers expected credit for the doctrines they taught, by proving them from the word of God to be correct; they inserted the Scripture passages in italics, and their works have been sometimes one-half in italics. Modern writers on theology, on the contrary, give us a long train of reasoning to persuade us to their opinion, but very little in *italics.*

WONDERFUL!

YES, it is wonderful! wonderful!' exclaimed an old man to a Christian who was visiting him. Here I am, more than sixty-nine years old, and all these years have I spent in sin! O how wicked I have been!—surely I am the vilest of the vile!—and yet the Lord, instead of cutting me off in my sins, has been with me all these years, and now, at the last, has drawn me to HIMSELF. *Forgiven them all!* Sixty-nine years of sin—**ALL FORGIVEN!**—O, it is wonderful! wonderful that He should come down here, and suffer, and bleed, and die for me!—wonderful that He should

save such a sinner, who has only despised and hated Him, and lived to please himself!

Such was his testimony, dear friend, do ponder it awhile, and see what you can say about *yourself.*

"He is able to save them to THE UTMOST that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them."

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