

Me: and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him."

There are some to whom the Saviour manifests Himself (or reveals Himself) in a peculiar manner. There are some who see in Him a preciousness and a power which others cannot feel. And who are these highly favoured ones? Who are these to whom the Saviour thus reveals Himself? It is those who come to Him with true and loving hearts, and who earnestly desire to do His will, and to obey Him in all things. He vouchsafes to them His light and love.

Yes, if you and I are true to Christ, if we love Him and try to serve Him, this promise will be fulfilled in our case, "I will manifest myself to him."

How truly blessed are those who thus know the Saviour, and not only have the love of God and of Christ in their hearts, but have God Himself and Christ Himself thus dwelling within them! "My Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him."

Our blest Redeemer, ere He breathed  
His tender, last farewell,  
A Guide, a Comforter, bequeathed  
With us to dwell.

Spirit of purity and grace,  
Our weakness, pitying, see:  
Oh make our hearts Thy dwelling-place,  
And worthier Thee.

### ALMOST LOST.



ONE few years ago, in the month of July, a noble steamer was ploughing the blue waters of the broad Atlantic. The sky was clear and brilliant, and the deck was crowded with passengers, enjoying the invigorating breeze, and gazing with delight on the varying phases of the magnificent ocean. Not even a passing cloud appeared to mar the joyousness and glory of the scene.

In an unexpected moment, an excited cry was heard through the ship, "A man overboard! a man overboard!" All hurried to the side of the vessel, when one of the younger officers was seen battling for life with the merciless waves. Never can I forget the distress and agony depicted on every countenance. A boat was instantly lowered, manned by brave sailors, who, with strong arm and determined will, pulled towards him. After an agonising suspense, they succeeded in dragging him, exhausted and half dead, safely on board, amid the plaudits of rejoicing and loud exclamations, "Saved, saved!"

Does not this incident suggest to the reflecting mind the appalling fact, that not one only, but vast multitudes all around us, are in extreme peril, about to be engulfed in the vortex of everlasting ruin?

"Can nothing be done to save them ere they sink to rise no more?" Thanks be to God, the life-boat of

the Gospel is already prepared by infinite mercy. But the life-boat must be manned and sent forth without delay to the rescue of perishing souls.

Shall not we, who have been recovered from like perils by the great Saviour, put forth new and vigorous efforts to save those whom we know to be in imminent peril? Whatever is done must be done promptly, for the shadows of the night are about to fall, and the victims of sin and Satan are even now almost lost.

### CHRIST OR CÆSAR.

"**W**E have no king but Cæsar," cried the Jews, when Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?"

Tiberius Cæsar, whom the Jews preferred to Jesus of Nazareth, was the Roman emperor who ruled the world in those days; a cruel tyrant who delighted to shed the blood of his people.

In one part of his reign he retired to the beautiful island of Capree, in the Bay of Naples; and now the spot is shown where poor unhappy men, who displeased him, were first tortured and then cast headlong into the sea.

Thirty-seven years after the Jews crucified Jesus of Nazareth, Titus, the son of Vespasian, the Roman emperor, laid siege to Jerusalem. The Jews suffered terrible privations; famine raged in the city, and one mother is said to have killed and eaten her own son. The Temple was reduced to ashes, and to crown the whole, six thousand people, who took refuge in one gallery, perished by fire at the hands of the soldiers.

The Jews made a deliberate choice when they refused Christ, and declared, "We have no king but Cæsar."

This choice is being repeated now. Men and women are saying every day, "We will not have Christ to reign over us; we would rather have our own way, and do our own will, than yield to His loving invitations. We care not for the future, we will enjoy ourselves in the present." And all the time the Master stands and knocks at the doors of their hearts, and wants them to invite Him in.

So Jesus had to turn away at last, and say, "Ye will not come unto Me, that ye might have life!"

Let not your choice be self and sin, but Christ and holiness. Believe in the living, loving Saviour, who waits to be gracious, and choose Him as your King, your Elder Brother, your all and in all.

**PRECEPT.**—Be at peace among yourselves.

1 Thessalonians v. 13.

**PROMISE.**—Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Matthew v. 9.

**PRAYER.**—Scatter Thou the people that delight in war.

Psalm lxxviii. 30.