

thing else, and shut their eyes against truth. But I say boldly and confidently, no man can have really high and honourable views of what God is, and escape the conclusion that the doctrine of our text must be true. There can be no possible salvation, but by Jesus Christ.

3. Let me say, in the third place, this doctrine must be true, *because the Bible is what the Bible is.*

All through the Bible, from Genesis down to Revelation, there is only one simple account of the way in which men must be saved. It is always the same,—only for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ,—through faith,—not for our own works and deservings.

You see it dimly revealed at first. It looms through the mist of a few promises, but there it is.

You have it more plainly afterwards. It is taught by the pictures and emblems of the law of Moses, the schoolmaster dispensation.

You have it still more clearly by and by. The Prophets saw in vision many particulars about the Redeemer yet to come.

You have it fully at last, in the sunshine of New Testament history,—Christ incarnate,—Christ crucified,—Christ rising again,—Christ preached to the world.

But one golden chain runs through the whole volume,—no salvation excepting by Jesus Christ. The bruising of the serpent's head, foretold in the day of the fall,—the clothing of our first parents with skins,—the sacrifices of Noah, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,—the passover, and all the particulars of the Jewish law,—the high priest,—the altar,—the daily offering of the lamb,—the holy of holies, entered only by blood,—the scape goat,—the cities of refuge,—all are so many witnesses to the truth set forth in the text,—all preach with one voice, salvation only by Jesus Christ.

In fact this truth appears to me the grand subject of the Bible, and all the different parts and portions of the Book are meant to throw light upon it. I can gather from it no ideas of pardon and peace with God, except-