

And when they had nothing to pay, he forgave them.—Luke vii. 42.

light of the world ; but now we are the light of the world (a very poor light at the best), and we are responsible to shine as such, holding forth the Word of Life.

V. Voice to speak. John the Baptist said that he was "the voice of one crying in the wilderness;" and we are to speak for Christ. How many souls, humanly speaking, are lost for want of a word? We should speak out *boldly*, like Peter on the day of Pentecost (Acts ii. 14); *lovingly*, like Stephen when praying for his enemies (Acts vii. 60); *earnestly*, like Paul when he said to the jailor, "Do thyself no harm" (Acts xvi. 28).

I. Instrument to be used. There are different kinds of instruments mentioned in the Word, which we will take as illustrating what the Christian *is* and *should be*. An instrument is something that is taken up and used by another.

1. *Instruments of silver* (1 Chron. xxviii. 14) Silver is typical of Christ, in the value of His person, redeeming us by his blood (Ex. xxx. 12-16; 1 Pet. i. 18, 19). This tells us we are redeemed instruments.

2. *Holy instruments* (Num. xxxi. 6). That is, instruments set apart for a special purpose; and in like manner we are set apart for the service of the Lord.

3. *Instruments of righteousness* (Rom. vi. 13). We once yielded our members as instruments of unrighteousness, but now we are to yield our members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

4. *Instruments of ministry* (Num. iv. 12). Instruments to be taken up in ministering to others. The Master said, "I came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give My life a ransom for many." So we are to be ministers to others.

5. *New sharp threshing instruments having teeth* (Isa. xli. 15). That is, those whose ministry is felt to be with power.

6. *Instruments of war* (1 Sam. viii. 12). "The God of peace shall shortly bruise Satan under *your* feet." That is, God will take us up and use us as the instrument to bruise Satan; and even now by His mighty power He overcomes His and our enemies through us.

7. *Instruments of music* (1 Chron. xv. 16). Those that have voices and can sing can be this; only let it be "singing for Christ," not for self, or to get the honor and applause of men.

"Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my Lord;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from thee."

C. Child to obey. "A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master" (Mal. i. 6). And how do they do this but by obedience to Him.

E. Endowed one with power. Service with Him as Christ. As we have already said, "Christ" not only means *the Sent One*, but *the Anointed One*. He was anointed with the Holy Spirit; and we are Christians, therefore anointed ones. We have the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, and He is our power in service; therefore, be subject to Him, and thus will the "name of our Lord Jesus Christ be glorified in us."—*Footsteps of Truth.*

[FOR OUR MISSION UNION.]

Saved from Ruin by Making an Assignment.

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TALKING one day with an old gentleman, who for a long time had been trying to get peace with God by methods of his own; to arrest his attention and enlighten his mind, as to the way of *Life and Peace*, I said, "Mr. C—, I was once deeply involved. I could not by any means meet my liabilities, could not pay my way, far less clear off the old score. If help did not come I would be disgraced and ruined. But, as is often the case, 'the time of man's extremity is God's opportunity.' I heard of one who was a true friend to bankrupt debtors. 'He was rich and yet made himself poor' to make others rich. I was invited to apply to Him, and state my case fully, keeping nothing back. I did so. He assured me that if I made a full confession of all my indebtedness and made a complete assignment of myself to him, he would meet all my liabilities and ensure me against all failure, and also make ample provision for all my wants. It is over forty years since I made that assignment, and not one thing hath failed of all that He hath promised to do unto me. Now what do you think of this way of getting a settlement with your *chief creditor*? Do you know what it means?" He answered, "Yes. God is the chief creditor, and Jesus Christ is the bankrupt sinner's friend, and when we give up all into his hands he saves us from ruin. 'That is a new way of putting the Gospel message, but it is plain.' Some weeks afterwards I met him again, and was pleased to find that he had been wonderfully helped in his soul's difficulties.

Dear reader, are you vainly endeavouring to meet the requirements of the law, by your own efforts? Rest assured "that by the works of the law no flesh can be justified before God;" but "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to *every one* that believeth." Then go to Him at once, confess all, make a real assignment of yourself to Him, and He will give you a clear and full release from all condemnation. Read John 5th chap. 24 verse. Take Him at His word, and go on your way rejoicing.

Special Note.

THE Christian people of Cincinnati, represented by the members of the Noon-day Prayer Meeting Committee of that city, send forth to the Christian world, a request for their prayers for Cincinnati, its ministers and people. Several Evangelists will occupy the field and supplement the work of the pastors during the coming fall and winter. Let every child of God breathe a prayer to heaven, for Divine favor upon that city and its special work.