

at once, to the Saviour's outstretched arms; take Him at His word; think of the sin-cleansing virtue of His blood; and, while looking up to His dear face, rest in His faithful word, that "whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

ONE knows well that it is the delight and eternal purpose of God to save sinners; to this end he gave His only begotten Son: but one sees too, after all that Jesus has gone through for the glory of God—suffered, bled and died, He is under a blessed obligation to Him as well, to save all who trust in His precious blood.

What confidence this gives! what a blessed firm foundation it is! Oh what a comfort to one's heart that "grace reigns through righteousness."

The Lord tells us what hindered full blessing before the cross when he says, "I have a baptism to be baptised with, and how am I straitened till it be accomplished." Luke xii, 50. But now that it is accomplished, there is righteous freedom for God's heart of love to tell itself out. What a relief it must be (if one may so say) to such a God to be able to bless according to the dictates of such a heart!

Dear reader, the precious Saviour of sinners drank the bitter, bitter cup of God's wrath on the cross, without one drop of sweetness in it, that all who believe in Him might have a cup of blessing. Do *you* believe in Him? if not, instead of a cup of blessing you must drink the cup of wrath yourself.