

## GOING UP IN A BALLOON,

and one thought it was fastened in two different places, and he went and unfastened one cord and to his great surprise the other was unfastened too. And one of the men got hold of the car and was saved, and the other got hold of the rope and was lost. So, my friend, if you lay hold of a lie, you may be terribly in earnest about it, but you lose your soul. Have faith in truth, and see that ye believe in the truth. Christ is the truth. "I am the way, and the truth and the life. No man cometh unto the Father but by Me." No soul will go down to hell trusting in Jesus Christ. No one that will lay hold of the Son of God in faith shall perish. But if I read my Bible right, there is no hope out of Christ. "No other foundation can man lay than that is laid." Let us see that we have the foundation right. Let us see that our faith lays hold of that Risen Man that was raised for our justification, and is now sitting at the right hand of God. If our faith lays hold of Him, we are saved ; and if not, we are lost.

## STUDY THE BIBLE.

A great many people pray for faith, and wonder why their prayers are not answered. Now, I won't say you shouldn't pray for faith, but let me say that if I had spent half the time I have spent in praying for faith in reading my Bible, I would have a good deal more faith than I have got to-day. If you want to have faith in God, get acquainted with Him. "Acquaint now thyself with Him, and thereby God shall come to thee." He says here in the twentieth chapter of John, the thirty-first verse : "But these are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God : and that believing ye might have life through His name." God has always kept his promises. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but not one word of His shall pass away. Why don't these infidels have faith in God ? It is very plain ; it is because they don't know Him. I was down at Mobile, Alabama, a few years ago, and I was sitting out in the front-door yard of a man. And a friend of the family came along, and he had some little children with him. And he put one of them up on a post, eight feet high, and he folded his arms

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