

civil and religious authorities, by the Jews, and by the Roman governor, He accomplished the wonderful work of redemption. His holy soul was made an offering for sin. And if in His death He laid the foundation of the kingdom which was to be established, He also opened up the way to God for the vilest and most culpable sinner. His expiatory death is the only means of salvation for the thief on the cross, condemned for his crimes, as well as for the aged and pious Simon of whom the scriptures speak. It is the only name given unto men whereby we may be saved, for salvation is in no other."

This was an appropriate subject for the old man. He also saw himself justly condemned; on the point of entering eternity; and unsaved. What should he do? Ah, he should turn without delay to the same Saviour who received with open arms the dying thief. And that is just what he did. He trusted as a poor sinner, lost and guilty, to the Lord Jesus, and to His perfect work accomplished on the cross, and thus found peace and rest. He believed and was saved.

The winter drew to a close, as well as the days of the sick man, who had now become, according to scripture, "a new creature." Old things for him had passed away, and all things had become new. The poor sick one had found peace for his conscience, and rest for his heart, in the work and person of the Saviour whom he came to know truly for the first time.

This man, formerly so attached to the perishable things of the world, and almost wholly occupied with