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“ I am the light of the world.”
“ Preach the Gospel to every creature.”—JESUS.

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THE ATONEMENT.

In last month's *Day-Star* we made some observations of an introductory character on the atonement. We remarked on the importance of the doctrine, on its presupposing the fallen and depraved state of man, for whose sins it was made, and on the terms 'atonement' and 'propitiation,' which are generally employed to express the truth about what the Saviour accomplished in our room.

We mean in this article to adduce some considerations in proof of the *reality* of the doctrine, with the view of shewing that the doctrine respecting the propitiatory sacrifice of Christ is taught in the word of God, the infallible rule of faith, the touchstone, to which we should bring all our theological views to ascertain whether they be of God, or whether they be of men.

Before proceeding to this task, however, we may briefly state that the word 'redemption' was used by old writers on theology, as meaning what *we* understand by the words 'atonement' and 'propitiation.' It was used in this sense by John Goodwin, as any one may see by looking into his great work, 'Redemption Redeemed.' He speaks of the 'universality of redemption,' and 'general redemption,' by which expressions he means, universal atonement. The renowned Richard Baxter wrote a book, entitled, 'The Universal Redemption of Mankind by Jesus Christ.' Of course by universal redemption he also means what we understand by unlimited propitiation. Redemption, however, like pardon, reconciliation, adoption and sanctification is a blessing which God bestows on the ground of the atonement. And in