

limited pardon. They circumscribe God's power. God saw the abysmal depths of our guilt and has stretched forth His hand through the Cimmerian gloom and lighted the lamp of hope in human hearts.

I. FAITHFULNESS AND JUSTNESS OF GOD AS BASAL PRINCIPLES OF PARDON.

Not the one sinning but the One sinned against sought reconciliation. This doctrine originates in the infinitely holy nature of Deity, as related to the necessities of human nature.

(a.) Pardon granted by God alone.

(b.) Freely.

(c.) Readily.

(d.) Abundantly.

II. PARDON.

"God, faithful and just."

(a.) To forgive sin, not through the ministry of legal sacrifice or outward purifications, but the efficacious blood of Christ.

(b.) To cleanse from all unrighteousness, through the washing of regeneration which is by Christ's blood *once for all*.

III. CONDITIONS OF PARDON.

"If we confess our sins."

(a.) A radical change in our attitude and conduct.

(b.) A transformation in our nature.

(c.) A reformation in our desires and moral instincts.

(d.) A reconstruction of the principles of our life.

Every soul that obtains pardon must offer the crucified Savior as its sacrifice, for God's purposes cannot be interdicted.

Shall we continue sinning because God has forgiven. and will forgive?

MONTCLAIR.*

THE IMPERATIVE "Now."

Behold now is the accepted time.—2 Cor. vi: 2.

Ambassadors for Christ to sinners, our unchanging watchword is immediate decision. Your interest is correspondent.

I. YOU CAN GAIN NOTHING BY DELAY.

1. As to God's terms. Value varies not here. The immutable cannot change His mind. Repentance and faith the ultimatum.

2. As to your own circumstances. Your difficulties may change but will never cease. New will replace the old. Will never break with the old life without a wrench at parting.

3. As to pleasures of sin. Transient and disappointing. If sweet in the month, sour in digestion.

II. YOU WILL LOSE MUCH BY DELAY.

1. Fervor and freshness of feeling. In the glow of youth spiritual attainment easy, which in old age is barely possible. Sins long indulged leave grievous consequences behind even to the forgiven.

2. Opportunity for usefulness. Who does not honor the grandly useful! Who in his best moments does not covet usefulness! Delay daily narrows in this possibility.

3. Fulness of reward in Heaven. Degrees of glory there depend on the measures of faithfulness here. How much he loses who emulates the dying thief!

III. YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR SALVATION BY DELAY.

The soul may be lost. Awful thought! By delaying you make it a fact. "There is a line by us unseen," etc.

EVANGEL.*

Funeral Service.

SUFFERING SAINTS' CONSOLATION.

Here is the patience of the saints. . . . And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, write, blessed are the dead, etc.—Rev. xiv: 12, 13.

I. SAFETY IN DEATH.

To "die in the Lord" implies:

1. Fidelity to the end. Matt. xxiv: 13.
2. Freedom from all dangers. Rom. viii: 1, 2; 1 Cor. xv: 55.

3. No separation from Christ. Rom. viii: 35-39.

4. Help to triumph. Ps. xxiii: 4; 1 Cor. xv: 57.

II. HAPPINESS IN HEAVEN. Verse 13.

This is:

1. Entered upon at death "*from henceforth*."

2. Eternal, "*henceforth*."

3. Divinely assured. "Yea, saith the Spirit."