

Remember me in such a way as that Thou wilt save me from the awful misery that is now staring me in the face, and in such a way as that I will find a place in Thy favour and in Thy Kingdom. It is sweet to die with Thee ; but Lord how surpassing sweet would it be to live with Thee in Thy Kingdom. Here we see the fruits of true repentance ; a man convinced of sin—acknowledging the justice of the punishment of sin—a man turning with sorrow and hatred from sin and casting himself on Jesus the Saviour.

Fourthly, another point that bears testimony to the gracious change through which this man passed, we find in the testimony he bears to Christ's innocence. "This man has done nothing amiss." Christ is now condemned as a traitor. Hell and earth are enraged against Him. The chief priests and the scribes, the pharisees and the soulders mock Him ; the great crowd cry out against Him ; they wag the head saying, "if Thou be the King of the Jews save Thyself." Jesus Himself is quite silent ; and who is there to speak one word in His behalf ? John, the loved disciple, will not ; Peter the brave warrior has laid down his arms and he too is silent. Who is there that will fearlessly lift up his voice in behalf of the Messiah's innocence ? It is none else than that malefactor—that miserable wretch saved by grace—"this man has done nothing amiss." Against hell and earth ; against chief priests and scribes, rulers and soldiers, and an enraged mob, the dying thief bears this definite, this decided, this glorious testimony. Such then, is the view that believing faith will always take of the dying Saviour. The Just One suffering for the unjust, the innocent for the guilty.

Again, fifthly, he reproves and rebukes sin. The other malefactor joins with the crowd in deriding Christ. He manifests levity of spirit, hardness of heart, and bitter enmity against Christ. But the penitent thief reproves him saying, "Dost thou not fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation ?" "And we indeed justly." Fain would he see him,