

about an improvement by and by, at the same time undecided, and the habits of careless indifference growing with your growth and strengthening with your increasing years, is all in vain. The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force. In the name of God, then, strike for your liberty; be no longer a servant of sin, a stranger to piety, with a forboding conscience about the past, and a poor hope in reference to the future. With delays, difficulties accumulate, favorable opportunities become less frequent, while the full force of Gospel ordinances, now in operation, will gradually lose their effect upon you, and your day of probation fast ebbing out. "To-day, then, if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts." MINIMUS.

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## TO SEEKERS OF FULL SALVATION.

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HE first word of advice to you is to gain a clear intellectual view of your spiritual need, and of your wealth of privilege in Christ Jesus, whom you have already claimed as your pardoning Saviour. Understand that he came not only that you might have spiritual life, but that you might have it more abundantly. When you sought forgiveness you looked away to Calvary, and saw by faith Jesus crucified; now that you are seeking the fullness of the Spirit, lift your eyes above the summit of Calvary, even to Jesus glorified on the mediatorial throne. The glorification of the Son of God opens a new dispensation in the unfolding of the Gospel. Previous to that great event in the heavenly world, Jesus had power on earth to forgive sins, but since he has mounted to his Father's throne, and by his hand has been crowned with the royal diadem, it has pleased him to give proof of his continued interest in all believers by sending down the fullness of the Holy Ghost. To this Jesus distinctly referred when he stood among the jubilant priests sounding their trumpets in the last great day of the feast of tabernacles, and made this wonderful promise, "He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his inmost self shall flow rivers"—not brooklets vanishing in the drought—"of living water." That Jesus was speaking of some future dispensation of blessings to believers, St. John, guided by divine inspiration, distinctly declares. "But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not given, because that Jesus was not yet glorified." In this event the Gospel dispensation culminated. John the Baptist, when Jesus came to be baptized, saw this privilege of believers towering above all other blessings, an event in the future history of the Son of man eclipsing all other events, the end and aim of his incarnation, atoning death, glorious resurrection, and triumphant ascension, that he might mend the severed link between God and man, by the fusing, unifying power of the Holy Spirit. "After me comes one who shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." The Comforter came on the day of Pentecost,—came to stay; but his work is not an indefinite and general operation, but an individual transformation.

2. Though you live in the dispensation of the Spirit, the benefits of his presence are to be appropriated to you by faith. You say that you have