

ment, that men of old took joyfully the spoiling of their goods, and martyrs went to the burning stake with beaming countenances, and sang high death-songs amid the roaring flames. Let us by faith rise above the world, and it will shrink into littleness and insignificance compared with Christ. Some while ago two aeronauts, hanging in mid-air, looked down to the earth from their balloon, and wondered to see how small great things had grown—ample fields were contracted into little patches, the lake was no larger than a looking-glass, the broad river, with ships floating on its bosom, seemed like a silver thread, the wide-spread city was reduced to the dimensions of a village, the long, rapid, flying train appeared but a black caterpillar slowly creeping over the surface of the ground. And such changes the world undergoes to the eyes of him who, rising to hold communion with God and anticipating the joys of heaven, lives above it and looks beyond it. This makes it easy, and even joyful, to part with all for Christ—"this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."—*Thomas Guthrie, D.D.*

GOD'S PERFECTED PLAN.

Full salvation is not a way to be opened up by our own efforts, but a way cleared for us already by virtue of Christ's death upon the cross. We have but to step out in the obedience of faith, like Peter in the prison. God sent unto Peter, by the angel, a complete deliverance. The whole way, from the innermost cell to the iron gate which led into the city, was all cleared for Peter by the Lord Himself. Peter may not have realized it. But as soon as the chains had fallen off, and he was ready to walk, he had then simply to obey the command, "Follow me," and he found as he went forward the way was all open and plain—everything gave way to the angel whom he followed. Just so it is with the believer. God has sent us a full salvation. Christ has wrought out a complete deliverance. The path is open, and the Holy Ghost reveals it to us. We have but to follow Him who goes before and prepares the way.—*The Rev. E. H. Hopkins, in "Life of Faith."*

—Religion is not the specialty of any one feeling, but the mood and harmony of the whole of them. It is the whole soul marching heavenward to the music of joy and love, with well-ranked faculties, all beating time and keeping time.