

were and are, give way under the Spirit's strong eloquence as it speaks through Peter, and they who cried 'Crucify, crucify him,' now cry out 'What, Peter, shall we do?' Tell us, Peter and the others with you, what we must do. Is there salvation for us?

9th. They are thus proved to be believers in the things preached by the apostles.

10th. "Repent," says the chief speaker, Peter, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ." *"In the name of Jesus Christ FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS."*

11th. He adds, "And you shall receive THE GIFT of the Holy Spirit."

12th. The promise is not to you only, he informs them, but it is to you, your children, and to all,—to them even that are afar off, as many as God thus calls. The promise is alike to all upon the terms expressed, without respect to persons. "Through his name, whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins."

13th. The preacher testifies and exhorts much more, and says, "Save yourselves from this untoward or perverse generation." As much as to say, 'You now have the knowledge, make the right use of it by putting it in practice'—agreeably to the words of the Great Teacher, "If you know these things, happy are you if you do them."

14th. "Then they that gladly receive his word are baptized."—About three thousand of the assembly thus joyfully receive Peter's word, which is the word of the Master and the Master's Spirit, and become citizens of the kingdom. Thus are they "added to them"—added to the disciples of Jesus.

Reader, let us pause a moment and ask. Are these things so? Are these the undoubted verities of heaven—the true sayings of God—the reliable teachings of the Holy Spirit sent down from the exalted Prince of Life? Did those to whom power was given to remit or retain sins thus speak and act? Have we here the 'mind of Christ?' On the apostles must rest all the responsibility of declaring the whole counsel of the Lord and Master, once on earth but now in heaven; on us rests the responsibility of hearing and obeying. Every soul should decide as in God's presence.

Since, therefore, we have been at meeting where twelve apostles preached "a sermon," the first one ever preached in the name of the glorified Jesus, let us now improve the topics of the discourse and talk over Jerusalem orthodoxy. In times like these, when every one has his favorite preacher, it is very certain that Peter's preaching will not please all; but the question is not now about what is pleasing to