

praying earnestly and frequently that God would pardon all my sins." "But" he added, "I have tried hard to do that and can't get the right wing of it. And I am as far from peace after I am done as before I begin." "Well" said we, "my friend you never can be saved in that way," to which he replied "I may be wrong; I want you to put me right." The responsibility of our position was sensibly felt, and we were led to look to God for wisdom that we might guide the inquiring soul aright to salvation's only source.

He was asked if he considered himself a sinner. "Yes" said he "that is my trouble." We then told him, that sin was a crime in God's estimation, and every sinner a criminal, because a transgressor, for thus it is written, "Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them," "therefore" we said "my friend your condition now is one of condemnation, and from which you are utterly unable to extricate yourself by anything which you can possibly do." "And what must be done" was his anxious reply. To which we said, "The law you have transgressed demands satisfaction and must have it, and you cant give it." At this saying it seemed to him as if there was no way of escape; and again inquired; "what must I do?" Having thus showed him the utter impossibility of being saved by his prayers, he was then prepared to listen to the Gospel method as the only way of salvation for him.

And repeating what was said with reference to the law's demanding perfect satisfaction in every part, we then showed him that the design of Christ in coming into the world, was to meet that demand, which he did by a life of holy obedience to all its requirements. But we said that the law required satisfaction not only with regard to obedience. It also required satisfaction with regard to the violation it received, so that the obedient life of Jesus for 33 years was not sufficient to release him from the condemnation under which he was placed. And what then? We replied Jesus at the end of his obedient life submitted to bear upon his own body on the cross the infliction of the penalty it denounced against the transgressor, and, with his expiring breath exclaimed, "*It is finished;*" what is finished we asked; all that the law claimed is finished, inasmuch as it was fully met, by the obedience, and suffering, and death of Christ, which God accepted on behalf of the guilty, and on the ground of which he can, in perfect harmony with his character, as a holy and just Governor, receive into his favour and love, those who rely upon it as the only ground of acceptance. "And now" said we "my friend, all you have to do to be saved, is simply to surrender yourself to Christ as help-