

He saved us, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost."—Titus 3: 5. Salvation was not safe in the hands of Adam even before he sinned; much less safe in the hands of his lost posterity; so God has taken it into His own. Blessed be His name; it is safe there. Repent and trust Him. Depend on God, not the will; depending on the will is trusting in self, and cursed is the man that trusteth in man; but blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord."—Jer. 17: 5. All criminals *will* to be pardoned, but there is no merit in that—pardon does not follow.

One of the kings of England visited a king of France. They went to see the galley slaves. The king of England was given leave to pardon one of the slaves, whomsoever he would. He asked one why he was there? The slave replied that he was innocent. The English king decided not to pardon him. He put the same question to another. He was falsely accused and so condemned to slavery. A third was asked why he was punished in that way. He admitted that he was justly suffering the penalty of his crimes, even better than he deserved. The king told him he was too vile to be with such good men; and turning to the French king said that was the man he would pardon. God is the King of kings, and says: "If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."—1. John 1: 9. We are *all* guilty, and it would be a surer way for us to obtain forgiveness to acknowledge it than to find fault with His government. An anxious enquirer about salvation was distressed in reference to the doctrine of election. On his knees he thanked God that *some* were elected. God was