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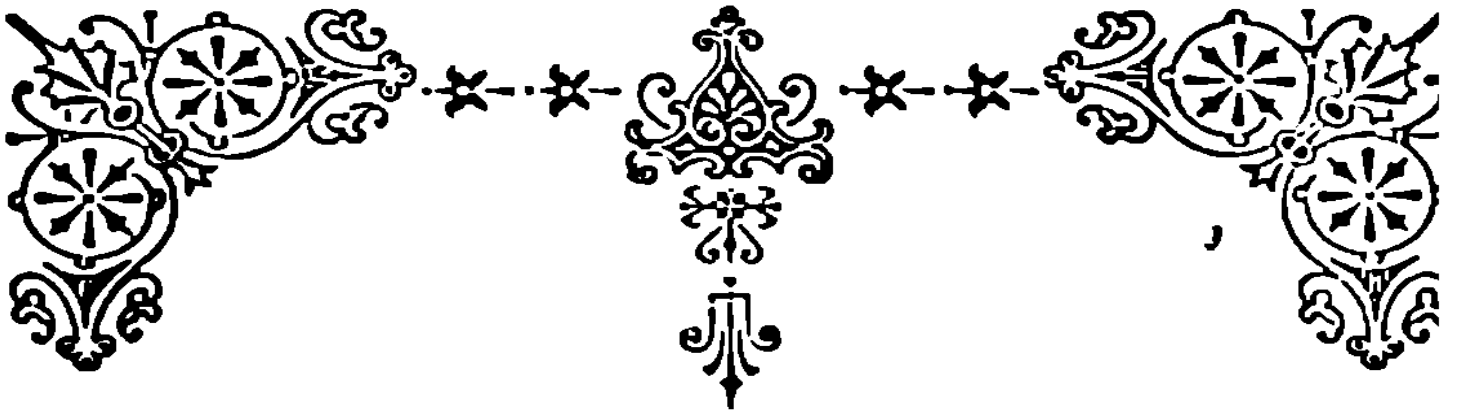
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HOW clear is the sound which the
trumpeter gives,
That when a poor sinner be-
lieveth, *he lives* ;
He has done with his nature,
condition, and birth,
No longer belongeth to Adam or earth ;
He is born of the Spirit, because he
has heard
The truth of salvation, as preached
in the Word ;
Receiv'd in his heart all its gladness
and peace,
And life incorruptible, never to cease !
Never to lose what our God once
imparts

Is indeed a rich comfort to gladden
our hearts :

How ample the pardon a sinner
receives,

The moment by faith he in Jesus
believes.

A sinner's not saved by his peni-
tent tears,

Although they may flow for a number
of years ?

Salvation comes not through a
sorrowful flood :

For scripture declares, it is *faith in
the blood* :

It is not by sorrow, repentance, or
pain,

Or making confession again and
again ;

Nor is it by love, or by service, or
prayer,

Or an agonized feeling that leads to
despair ;

Though each has its place, and each
has its springs,

But *out of their places* are mischievous
things.

Whatever poor nature produces
within,
Can never remove from the con-
science a sin ;
'Twas the *blood of atonement* that put
it away,
And God in His mercy has written
to say,
That all who believe in the work of
His Son
(By Whom the great work of re-
demption was done),
Are saved everlastingly, saved by
His grace,
Have a title to glory which nought
can erase ;
Are brought into liberty, blessing,
and joy.
Which time cannot alter, nor Satan
destroy.
Then cease from your labours, and
give up your toil,
They bring you no peace, but His
purposes foil ;
He needs not your silver, He asks
not your gold,

He has *done* with the off'rings from
herd and from fold :
But what He is *doing* in marvellous
grace,
Is saving such sinners as haven't a
trace
Of goodness or truth ; who are
horribly bad,
And making their hearts, too, so
thoroughly glad,
Because they *believe* on His well-
belov'd Son,
And are resting *entirely* on what He
has *done*.
And thus they are clothed (as be-
fitted a bride)
In the glory and beauty of Him who
once died ;
And *then* they can labour, and spend,
and be spent,
For this is God's purpose and
gracious intent ;
We ought not to faint in the labour
of love.
Until we are called to the glory
above.

In the work of redemption He
laboured alone,
The judgment was His—be the
glory His own :
The work of salvation is finished !
complete !
And Christ in the glory has taken
His seat ;
And that's where a sinner, believing,
gets rest,
Which death cannot hinder, nor
Satan molest.
As mementoes of grace we are left
on the earth,
To show forth His grace and His
infinite worth,
And all through the journey are kept
by His power.
Yea, kept by our God to that mar-
vellous hour
When the Lord our Redeemer
descends in the air,
And we His redeem'd ones shall
meet Him up there.
Be this, then, our glory wherever
we go

To tell of His goodness to sinners
below—

To bear on our banners wherever we
run,

“The work of redemption by Jesus
IS DONE!”

Done once and for ever, by Jesus
alone ;

The proof “*it is finished,*”—He’s
now on the throne,

And the sinner, believing, by sin
once enslaved,

God declareth is free, everlastingly
saved !

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