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“Thou wilt show me the PATH OF LIFE.”

PSALM XVI. 11.

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## Prefatory Remarks.

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He who writes on a theme like this, will find it of great importance properly to conceive, and lucidly to express the truth. It should be his aim to draw a pure theology from the Living Fountain; and to set forth the Word of Life not only intelligibly, but in a way not to be misunderstood.

There are already before the public different works, designed to guide the sinner to Christ; but they are fewer in number than is generally supposed, and many of them are exceedingly defective in Scriptural simplicity. Instead of being written in a style that a child may comprehend, or such as a pastor would use in showing the way of life to those who ask, "What must I do to be saved?" the form and dignity of doctrinal discussions are often assumed. Such discussions, though excel-

lent in their place, are here inappropriate. When an inquirer comes to ask the great question alluded to, he needs such instruction as may guide him into the path of life; not a body of divinity given him to read, nor an elaborate doctrinal treatise, however useful at other times. He needs, above everything else, that simple view of truth which will communicate most impressively and practically a knowledge of the Gospel plan of salvation, and guide him intelligently to the Saviour.

How far the Author has succeeded in the difficult task of preparing a work modeled on these principles, must be determined by others. His endeavor to prepare such a work originated in the pressing need felt for a volume, which should explain the points of which a pastor is compelled to treat over and over again, for the proper instruction of those who are inquiring the way of life.

To Christian parents, and all others who feel the need of a plain analysis of truths affecting the conversion of the soul, this little work is especially commended.

## Preface

### TO THE SECOND EDITION.

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SINCE the first edition of this work was issued, it has undergone a careful revision. Numerous improvements have been made in the form of expression, and by the addition of new matter. The Author has taken advantage of the suggestions of friends, to whom he is under great obligation, and has added one entire chapter, and also several incidents from his own observation, illustrative of different points of practical interest. The chapter added, is that in which it is shown that the church cannot take the place of Christ as a Saviour. This is deemed important, to meet certain tendencies of the awakened mind. Of the value of these and other improvements, the public will judge. Ear-



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nestly desirous that his work may be useful, and with many prayers that God will bless it as the means of spiritual good to those into whose hands it may fall, the author again commends it to all who desire to know and walk in the path of life.

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