

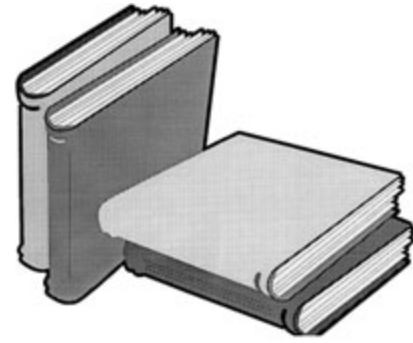
The Rock and Pit

*Look unto the rock whence ye are hewn,
and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.*

Isa 51:1

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John 6:44, 47 (KJV) ⁴⁴ No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. ... ⁴⁷ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

We learn, lastly, in this passage, that *the salvation of a believer is a present thing*. Our Lord Jesus Christ says, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me hath everlasting life.” It is now, even now, in this world, his property. He hath it the very day that he believes. ... The very moment a sinner believes on Christ he is justified and accepted.

There is no condemnation for him.

He has peace with God, and that, immediately and without delay.

His name is in the book of life, however little he may be aware of it.

He has a title to heaven, which death and hell and Satan can not overthrow.

Happy are they that know this truth. It is an essential part of the good news of the Gospel.

J. C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts on the Gospels*, 1865.
In the church library.