

the other scriptures, to their own damnation, yet it is evident the Jews understood as though by them he made himself equal with God, otherwise, why did they stone him as a blasphemer? Now, why should it be thought a breach of charity to affirm, that those who deny the divinity of Jesus Christ, in the strictest sense of the word, cannot be Christians? for they are greater infidels than the devils themselves; they confessed that they knew who he was, even the holy one of God.— They not only believe, but, which is more than the unbelievers of this generation do, they tremble! And was it possible for Arius and Socinus, those arch-heretics, to be released from those chains of darkness under which they are now reserved, till the judgment of the great day, and to appear in this congregation, I am persuaded they would inform us, that Hell had convinced them of the divinity of Jesus Christ, and they would advise all their followers to renounce their principles, lest they should come into the same place, and thereby increase their and each other's torment.

But 2dly. What think you of the manhood or incarnation of Christ? For Christ was not only God, but he was God and man in person. Thus run the text and context: "When the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, *What think ye of Christ?* Whose son is he? They say unto him, the Son of David. How then," says our divine Master, "does David in spirit call him Lord?" From which passage it is evident that we do not think rightly of the person of Jesus Christ, unless we believe him to be perfect God and perfect man, of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting.

For it is on this account that he is called Christ, or the annointed, i. e. one who through his own voluntary offer was set apart by the Father, and strengthened and qualified by the annointing or communication of the Holy Ghost, to be a Mediator between him and offending man.

The reason, or first cause, why the Son of God took upon him our nature, was the fall of our first parents. I hope there is no one here present so absurdly atheis-