

*A SERMON before the Society*

grace of God, \* *which bringeth Salvation to all men*, or, which affords the means of salvation *to all men*, hath indeed appeared; and that "† the living God is the Saviour of *all men*," but "*specially* of those that believe;"—if such be the clear, strong, and reiterated declarations of Christ, and his inspired Apostles;—Who shall limit the benefits of his Saviour's Passion, or deny *the possibility* of eternal Salvation to *any* of the Sons of Men? Especially, Who shall dare to shut, against an incalculable majority of his fellow-men, as if by an irrevocable and irreversible decree, "those everlasting doors" of Mercy, which our gracious Redeemer hath opened wide to all mankind? Far, very far, from us, my Brethren, be such presumption—I must add, such rash, unholy, uncharitable presumption.

II. With equal clearness may we collect *the final extent of the Divine Purpose in the Christian Dispensation*, as well from internal evidence, as from many plain declarations of Scripture. And with equal certainty also may we infer, that the Gospel is ultimately intended for uni-

\* Titus ii. 11. Marginal Rendering.  
† 1 Timothy iv. 10.