

advocate and intercessor and mediator. Jesus, by appointment, became the substitute and representative of His people, and bare their sins in His own body on the tree, so that they were crucified in Him ; and now mercy cries to justice and to truth, "restrain me no longer, let me embrace the sinner, who is he that condemneth ? Christ hath died, from henceforth ye cannot withhold me ; mercy and truth have met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other ;" and she comes forth to the sinner, pleading with him, "fear not sinner, all the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him, Amen, unto the glory of God by us ; be not dismayed because of thine enemies and because of thine imperfections, and because of thine often provocations. He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them," faint not because of the awful holiness and august and glorious truth and justice of the Almighty, "for after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, according to His mercy. He saved us, that being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life ;" and thus, when we see all hope centering in Christ, and every promise pointing to the slain Lamb, we must perceive that there is no mercy but through Christ, that "there is none other name under Heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."

3rd. Still there *is no interest in Christ*, but by *faith*. God, in His sovereign wisdom and will