

and to judge SIN? "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." "It is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul." "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins."

If you, in this world, refuse Christ, Christ must deny you; as He has said, "He that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God."

THE LOVE OF CHRIST CONSTRAINETH US.

HOW all important it is to have a right spring of action! Duties may be done, services performed, a life may be spent—conscientiously spent—in endeavours to be useful; what is called religion may be attended to with regularity and devotedness, and yet the spring which alone can give value to these things may be wanting. That spring is the love of Christ. Without this, all duties, services, exertions, will be found rubbish in the coming day of the Lord—works that will be burnt up. For the spring of action is everything. "Man looketh at the outward appearance, but God looketh at the heart." (1 Sam. xvi, 7.) If *that* be unchanged, untouched by His blessed grace in Christ, none of its fruits can be acceptable to Him, however fair they may appear to other eyes, or even to our own. There is but one motive which can sanctify our services, and that motive the apostle gives us here, "*The love of Christ*