

all men most miserable. They would as soon consent that you should take the sun out of the sky, as Christ out of their religion. Those people who talk of "the Lord," and "the Almighty," and "the Deity," and so forth, but have not a word to say about Christ, are in any thing but a right state of mind. What saith the Scripture? "He that honoureth not the Son, honoureth not the Father which hath sent Him. (John v. 23.) "If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be anathema."—1 Cor. xvi. 22.

Forgiven souls *are humble*. They cannot forget that they owe all they have and hope for to free grace, and this keeps them lowly. They are brands plucked from the fire,—debtors who could not pay for themselves,—captives who must have remained in prison for ever, but for undeserved mercy,—wandering sheep who were ready to perish when the shepherd found them,—and what right then have they to be proud? I do not deny that there are proud saints. But this I do say, they are of all God's creatures the most inconsistent,—and of all God's children, the most likely to stumble and pierce themselves with many sorrows. Forgiveness more often produces the spirit of Jacob:—"I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth which thou hast shewed unto thy servant;" (Gen. xxxii. 10.) and of Hezekiah, "I shall go softly all my years;" (Isaiah xxxviii. 15.) and of the Apostle Paul, "I am less than the least of all saints,—chief of sinners." (Ephes. iii. 8.;—1 Tim. i. 15.) Reader, when you and I have nothing we can call our own but sin and weakness, there is surely no garment that becomes us so well as humility.

Forgiven souls *are holy*. Their chief desire is to please Him who has saved them, to do His will, to glorify Him in body and in spirit which are His. "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits," is a leading principle in a pardoned heart. It was the remembrance of Jesus showing mercy, that made Paul in labours so abundant, and in doing good so unwearied. It was a sense of pardon that made