

mind ; temptations beset him as to election and doubts and fears as to his own unworthiness ; but while trembling, fearing, and distressed, tokens of Divine love were not wanting ; he heard sermons in Mull, at Cambuslang, and other places, which afforded him more or less relief ; and at last on the 2nd of January, 1743, the darkness which had so long encompassed him, with all its terrors, fled away, and the true light appeared.

On this eventful day, he had such a view as he says he could never be able to express, of Christ, as made unto his soul, "wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption." Filled with joy at the pleasing discovery, he breaks out in ecstasy :—"This is the foundation of my hope, my comfort, my rest, my protection. And now, O my soul! what thinkest thou of Christ? Is He not the chief among ten thousand, the altogether lovely? Is He not thy whole salvation, thy whole desire? Yes, yes, verily!" Soon after, while hearing a sermon, he was so filled with wonder at the exceeding riches of God's grace to such a sinner as himself, that he could scarce refrain from lifting up his voice in the midst of the congregation.

He continued for several months in a very happy frame of mind, notwithstanding temptations from without and discouragements from within. Arian and Socinian doctrines were presented to his mind, to lead him astray ; his old sins revived at times, and he was much distressed at the thought that he had been too free in making his religious experience known to others, but he found and felt the efficacy of prayer,