

make a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, satisfaction and oblation for the sins of the whole world. And whatsoever minister of the church of England makes use of her forms, and eats of her bread, and yet holds not this doctrine, as I fear too many such are not only crept in, but countenanced and preferred amongst us, such an one belongs only to the synagogue of satan. He is not a child or minister of God. No, he is a wolf in sheep's clothing. He is none other than a child and minister of that wicked one the devil.

Many will think these hard sayings : But I think it no breach of charity to affirm, that an Arian or a Socinian, cannot be a Christian. For the one would make us believe Jesus Christ is only a created God, which is a self-contradiction ; and the other would have us look on him only as a good man, and, instead of owning his death to be an atonement for the sins of the world, would persuade us that Christ died only to seal the truth of his doctrine with his blood ! But if Jesus Christ be not more than a mere man, nay, if he be not truly God, he was indeed, as accounted by the Jews, the greatest blasphemer that ever appeared in the world, for he accepted of divine adoration from the man that had been born blind, as we read, *John ix* 38. And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him. Which must be understood of religious adoration, as coming of faith in him. Besides, if Christ be not properly God, our faith is vain, we are yet in our sins ; for no created being, though of the highest order, could possibly merit any thing at God's hands. No, it was our Lord's divinity that alone qualified him to take away the sins of the world : and therefore, we hear that St. John pronounces so positively, that the word, i. e. Jesus Christ, was not only with God, but was God. For the like reason, St. Paul says, that he was in the form of God, that in him dwelt all the fulness of the God-head bodily. Nay, Jesus Christ himself assumes the title which God gave to himself when he sent Moses to deliver his people Israel, before Abraham was, says he, I AM. And again, I and my Father are ONE. Which last words, though our modern infidels would evade and wrest, as they do,