

his Son, whomsoever he would. He wrote their names in the Lamb's book of life—the Lamb slain from before the foundation of the world. *He blessed them with all spiritual blessing in Christ Jesus.* Ephes. 1. 3. 4. In these acts of Divine sovereignty and love, the Son and Holy Ghost concurred. And in foresight of the awful fall of Adam, and of the consequent ruin, sin, and misery of all his posterity, the Triune Jehovah entered into covenant engagements, confirmed by oath, to deliver by their power, wisdom, and grace, all the chosen, and to bring them into a state of blessedness infinitely superior to that enjoyed under the first covenant. But this plan, so glorious in itself, and so replete with happiness to the objects of Jehovah's love, must be executed, so as that all the Divine perfections will harmonize, and all the attributes of Deity appear untarnished; yea, shine forth the most transcendantly, before men and angels. In order to this, the sacred Three assumed distinct offices, to perform which they bound themselves by oath. God the Father, as we hinted above, chose the Church in Christ, and gave her for his bride, his spouse, his body, his members. God the Son, the second person in the ever adorable Trinity, accepted the gift of the Divine Father. Although in the boundlessness of his foreknowledge, he saw the dreadful state of ruin, guilt, and degradation to which mankind would sink by the fall—although he saw the unutterable sufferings and afflictions to which he would be subjected on account of his people—although he saw that he would, at an after period, have to leave the glories, the happiness of heaven, to assume into union with himself the nature of sinners, to veil Divinity in humanity. Yet, even in foresight of all this, so great was his love to his people, that he became their surety. He engaged in the everlasting covenant for every individual of his Elect. He engaged to become their kinsman Redeemer, to become flesh, to fulfil the law which they had violated, to pay the debt they had contracted, to work out and bring in an everlasting righteousness, a glorious robe without spot or wrinkle for a covering to their naked souls, to open, by the shedding of his own most precious blood, a fountain in which they would be washed from all their guilt, stains and pollution; in a word, to be and do whatever would be necessary for their eternal salvation. Accordingly, in the fulness of time our most glorious Christ appeared in our sinful, ruined, wretched world, to accomplish his covenant engagements. *He took upon him the form of a servant, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.* By this one sacrifice of himself he has forever perfected them who are sanctified, and has completely put away the sin, yea the countless millions of sins of which his chosen are or will be guilty. It was at that crisis of tremendous importance—when our elder Brother, our Surety, hung upon Calvary's summit—when the flaming sword of divine justice smote the Shepherd that the Sheep might go free—it was then He exclaimed, *It is finished.* Hallelujah. That the scriptures might be fulfilled, He must be laid in the grave; He must combat the last enemy in his own territories.—Listen what triumphant language is that! *I will ransom them from the power of the grave. Oh grave I will be thy destruction—Oh Death I will be thy*

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