

In this remarkable mission to which he was now called, there are several very important points at which we may look. The very mention of the mission shows the deplorable condition the Gentiles were in. They were blind, in darkness, under the power of Satan, guilty, and without inheritance. And such is still the condition of those who have not received the grace of God—the condition of the reader of these lines, if the grace of God has not yet wrought in his heart. Would you be delivered? Look, then, at the grace of God, as it is seen in this mission of the apostle. Believe, receive, and all is yours.

The apostle was sent to the Gentiles,

1. To open their eyes.
2. To turn them from darkness to light.
3. To turn them from the power of Satan unto God.
4. That they might receive forgiveness of sins.
5. That they might receive inheritance among the sanctified.

And all this, says the Lord Jesus, "*by faith that is in me.*" Faith in the Lord Jesus puts the sinner in possession of all this blessing from God. What a state to be in by nature! and how simple the way of deliverance! Alas! that any should be satisfied to remain blind, and in darkness; nay, prefer darkness to light. Yet so it is, and this only shows what a state it is, and the awful power of Satan who rules the darkness of this world. The state of blindness, and the element of darkness go together. It is said that fish which live in subterranean waters where