

those regenerated by His Spirit, and trusting in His Son. Scripture, therefore, teaches that God is the Father of all men; and yet it teaches a special Fatherhood towards those resting by faith in the person and work of His Son. It teaches a universal Fatherhood of the race, and a special Fatherhood of grace. The first does not exclude the second, and the second does not exclude the first. The first is the basis and preparation for the second; the second is only rendered possible because of the first.

(7) The Person of Christ:—

It has been said that Dr. Watson denied Christ's divinity. His statements, however, declare Jesus to be both human and divine. He says: "The Redeemer of the world is God Himself." "It is the distinction of Christianity that it goes. This is why some of us, in spite of every intellectual difficulty, must believe Jesus to be the Son of God. He has done what no other ever did, and what only God could do. He is God because He discharges a 'God function.'" "The Eternal Son of God gave Himself." He asserts, on the other hand, the humanity of Jesus. "The Son of God," he writes, "is also the Son of man." He, however, says that theology makes the Incarnation an expedient. The Incarnation is not taught as a makeshift on God's part. The cross existed in eternity. It is an eternal fact in the purpose of God with men.

(8) The Doctrine of the Atonement:—

It is around Dr. Watson's view of this doctrine that nearly all criticism has centred. Dr. Watson holds the theory of Abelard and Peter Lombard, that the Deity can pardon upon repentance. There is nothing in the nature of God which demands a satisfaction for sin. The object of Christ's incarnation and death is to produce sorrow in man, exert a moral impression on hard hearts, kindle a spirit of love and devotion within them, which will blot out sin, and with sin, blot out guilt. The whole effect of Christ's Atonement is thus moral and subjective, and terminates on the sinner. We find Abelard, and Lombard, and Pelagius, and Socinus, and Maurice, and Jowett, and Young, and Robertson, and Bush-