

discover. It is the secret of the life of Christ. I know not of any other principle on which God could act, though he pardons, and makes all turn to our good.

He guides the new man which has no other will than Christ. He mortifies the old, and in this way purges us that we may bear fruit. "Lo, I come to do Thy will, O my God: I delight to do it."

It is the place of a doorkeeper to wait at the door, but in doing that he is doing his master's will.

LUKE 11, 49.

"**W**IST ye not that I must be about my Father's business."

Which of us could have said these words when we were twelve years old? His ways had been such that He would appeal to them as though they ought to have known from the tenor of His life what He was occupied with. Phil. iii shows how a man of like passions with ourselves may tread the same path, seeing and estimating the beauty of Christ. The effect was first, that he counted all else dung for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus his Lord; and secondly, having the death of the Lord as his substitute, and the resurrection of Christ as his