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Perhaps it will help us to render a more satisfactory answer to these two questions of St. Paul's, if we first study the individual characters of the Persons and things mentioned.

Who is Christ? and who is Belial? Christ is the eternal Son of God; co-equal with the Father, infinite in holiness, most gracious, loving, merciful, and wise. The record of His life on earth, which is attested by all the evidence requisite to establish its historical truthfulness, reveals a Person clothed with all the attributes of Deity. Was he Omnipotent? He raised the dead to life. Was He Omniscient? He told men their thoughts, before they uttered them. Was He Omnipresent? He saw Nathaniel under the fig tree, when His bodily presence was not there. Was He sinless? His challenge to sinful men was, "Which of you convinceth Me of SIN?" Was he Merciful? He had compassion on the starving, and fed them, on the sick and healed them. Was he Loving? Hardened Publicans were drawn to Him, and little children delighted in His company. Was He Forgiving? He prayed for His murderers, "Father, forgive them." Was He Wise? He never made a mistake in Judgment, and never erred in speech or in deed. Study what part of His life you choose, you cannot find anything that is inconsistent with His claim to be Divine. His life on earth was a visible expression of all the perfection of the Invisible God. "He was the brightness of the Father's glory, and the express image of His person."

What He was, still He is. The eternal God, infinite in holiness, most gracious, Loving, Merciful, Wise. He has His throne in the heaven of heavens, but by reason of His Omnipresence, He dwells in every soul that believes on Him. By His Spirit in men, He originates every holy thought, and every God-like deed. All good actions are directly or indirectly traceable to His presence among men. As the Sun is the source of light, and heat, and colour, so Christ is the great central source of all that illuminates man's dark mind, of all that warms his cold heart, and of all that lends beauty to human character.

Wherever the name of Jesus is revered, and trusted, and loved, human lives are transformed, civilized life becomes elevated, and national honour and credit are increased. In line with these blessings are a hundred excellent results of a beneficent nature, such as a humane fellow feeling for Suffering, and Orphanage, and helpless Old age. These assertions can all be proved undeniably true, by a comparison between countries where the Bible is supreme, and countries where Heathenism or semi-heathenism reigns. Now let us consider the character of Belial. The greek word used in the origi-

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