

His work, not mine. Who is it who alone estimates sin aright? God. You and I, fellow believer, may hate sin, and the nearer we are to God, as to the state of our souls, the more we will do so. Still I could not say (nor could any believer) that I have as correct an estimate of sin as God. So also of the work of Christ. It is written, "Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself *for us* an offering and a sacrifice *to God* for a *sweet smelling savour*" (Ephes. v. 2). The "*sweet smelling savour rose up to God.*" So in the burnt offering in Lev. i. The 9th verse tells us that (the skin having been removed) all of it was burnt on the altar. Dr. Young's literal translation brings out the force of that verse with much beauty: "The priest hath made perfume with the whole on the altar, a burnt offering, a fire-offering of sweet fragrance to Jehovah." Who smelt the sweet fragrance that arose and put a true value on it? God, for that was all for Him. So I (once a poor, guilty, lost, hell-deserving sinner) now, through grace, stand before God (as does every one resting only on the work of the Lord Jesus for acceptance) according to the value that God puts on the work of the Lord Jesus Christ! What matchless grace!! Well may the Holy Spirit speak of "the EXCEEDING RICHES of His grace," which, "in the ages to come," God is going to show!!! (Ephes. ii.)

*Again I ask, dear reader:* "HAVE YOU SO LEARNT CHRIST!"