

influence of the Divine Spirit, and that in these universalities provision has been made by a God of love for the salvation and sanctification of every sinner.

II. Paul, though a heretic in the estimation of the Jews, was a habitual worshipper of God. Worship is the prostration of the soul before God. It implies a knowledge of God's character. When a soul actually worships God, it contemplates his glorious character as the God of love and salvation, confides in him, experiences gratitude to him, humility before him, reverence for him, and complacency in him, and lifts up to him its desires for things agreeable to his will. Man needs to be a worshipper of God in order to rise to his true dignity as a man; to be morally elevated and purified and assimilated to the character of God. The truth about Jesus reveals God's character, as a God of holy love, and that truth is the seal with which the Holy Spirit stamps the image of God on the soul, while it looks confidently, gratefully, adoringly, and gladly up to Him, as declared and brought near in the truth.

When we contemplate Paul as a worshipper of God, we contemplate him in his God-ward relations. And when we thus view him, we see that the Jews did not understand him. They looked on him as an apostate from their faith. It has been the fate of many of the best and greatest men that their age did not understand them, would not understand them, and consequently, could not see the moral heroism by which they were animated. John Huss was misunderstood. Luther was misunderstood. William Tyndale was misunderstood. James Arminius was misunderstood. The Evangelical Unionists in the present day are misunderstood. But let them seek above all things to be right in their Godward relations, and right in spirit towards those who oppose them and cast out their names as evil, and posterity will reap the benefit of their steadfastness to the truth.

Though Paul embraced the truth of Christ, and thus separated himself from his unbelieving countrymen, he did not thereby alienate himself from God. The Jews wished it to be believed that Paul was now altogether estranged from God. But they were wrong. *They* were estranged from God by their refusal to own Jesus as the true Messiah. Paul loved, delighted in God, worshipped God, the God of Israel. It is quite possible for a person to dissent from the prevailing religious sentiments of the age in which he lives, and yet be a worshipper of God. We ought not to brand any persons as godless, merely because they differ from us