

Christ, is through Christ a child of God ; and he that is a child of God, is an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven, or an heir of everlasting life and glory.

T. Do you possess these privileges by nature ?

S. No ; by nature my heart is evil, and I am a child of wrath.

T. Was man created in this state of sin ?

S. No ; man was first created after God's own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness.

T. How then were mankind brought into this wretched state ?

S. By the sin of our first parents, who, being tempted by Satan in the form of a serpent, ate of the forbidden fruit, and thus disobeyed the commandment of God.

T. How are we to be delivered from this state of sin and death ?

S. By grace, through faith in Christ ; and in baptism we make a profession of faith in Christ, and receive the outward sign of union with Him.

T. Can the outward sign by itself be effectual to salvation ?

S. No ; the inward and spiritual grace is necessary.

T. If the effects of this grace do not conti-