

love is universal, and whose tender mercies are over all his works, see St. Luke, v. 4—43. St. Luke, vi. 27—36. Then what shall we say to that doctrine that teaches us, that God hates, with a perfect hatred many of those whom he hath commanded us to love as ourselves? We are commanded to do good to all men, as we have opportunity, this is recommended to us by the example of our heavenly father, who maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just, and on the unjust. And no person can say, that the belief of this doctrine tends, in the least, to hinder us from doing good to all, and he is determined to make them all the subjects of his kingdom at last.

Now is it possible to suppose, with any degree of reason, that our Lord would command us, upon pain of his highest displeasure, to forgive those whom he hated, and determined to punish while he should live, without having the least desire or design to do them good? Has he promised us the greatest blessings, if we will forgive all men, and will he never forgive them? he that can believe this, let him believe it. However, since forgiving all men is a plain command, which none can deny, I trust no one will venture to say, that believing the final salvation of all men, at last, will have any tendency to make us break this precept of our saviour's, upon which he lays so much stress, but I think the contrary is evident.

We are commanded to pray for all men, St. Paul says. "I exhort therefore, that first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our saviour who will have all men to be saved and come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. This is the great doctrine of the gospel, the very foundation of Christianity, whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not, a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity."

The apostle not only believed but taught, not only taught, but commanded others to teach and preach this great doctrine, of God's being the saviour or restorer of all men: in this he gloried, saying, this is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, for therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the saviour or restorer of all men, especially those that believe these things command and teach.

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