

starving, he turned to his father's house, and thus learnt the love of the father's heart.

In verse 15, how low God comes, "Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him and he in God." The babe who but just confesses Christ, has eternal life as truly as the strong man in Christ. It is not a question of what I am, but of what Christ is.

Verse 16—"He that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him." If I am dwelling in God, I am dwelling in love, and should be showing out love by looking at Him.

Verse 17. This is a wonderful thing to say, "As He is, so are we in this world." We are now before God, *as Christ is!* He is my life, and I cannot be really, nor ought to appear in anything separated from Him. "Herein is love with us made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment." Does the heart get exercised about judgment? Why, the Judge *is my righteousness?* Has He not perfectly put away my sin, having been judged in my stead? "There is no fear in love." If there is the smallest doubt or distrust in the heart towards God, you are not made perfect in love; for "perfect love casteth out fear." There are things to fear, it is true; *we may well fear sin, and the influence of our own selfish interests.* But the practical effect of resting on God is to cast out fear, and make the heart perfect in love. His love is perfect. We have to own it, bow to it, accept it as ours in Christ, and bless Him for it.

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