

meekness, sympathy, forgiveness, holiness, patience, love. His is the most wonderful humanity earth or heaven ever saw, and all in mysterious yet true union in His one person with His illimitable Divinity. Mystery on mystery, unsearchable riches of glory.

Christ was never little, narrow, censorious, angular, provincial, sectarian. He was no abstruse philosopher, and he certainly was never a dreamer. And so He is adapted to all. To children He is a teacher and friend. To young men and women He is their best inspiration. To sages He is the grandest teacher. In His life and death there are perpetual fountains of life to us all.

3. Take the redemptory, forgiving, regenerating, transfiguring work of Christ. In all this there are unsearchable riches. He came to redeem sinners of all classes and grades. And how poor were his materials. Artists and sculptors gain their reputation by using simple and apparently poor material in the production of their great works. The sculptor looks on the bare, rough, unshaped rock and with the gift of a genius cuts and shapes it into some exquisite human form which in distant lands and ages will attract the admiration of the most civilized nations. The artist takes a piece of common looking canvas, and a number of common looking paints, and after the ideal in his imagination is placed on that canvas, there is a painting so grand and marvellous that all after ages hold his genius as consummate and peerless.

But the work of Christ is infinitely grander. The materials He employs are the fallen, degraded, miserable men and women of this world. It is humanity blighted and blackened by sin, ingrained with selfishness, begrimed by lust, and blasted by the curse of Satan and his legions. He came to die for these miserable sinners, because He loved them all. He came to atone for them by His blood. He came to offer them forgiveness in His grace and the gift of His spirit to regenerate and sanctify their souls. He came to open an everlasting kingdom of love in Heaven for all who would receive the gift. He came to enrich them with a new and glorious life in which they would rise to higher conditions and greater achievements, and be possessors of a beautiful, incorruptible, spiritual immortality.

He wrought His miracles of spiritual transfiguration on many while on earth. The woman at Jacob's well, and many other women He forgave and blessed. The thief on the cross and many others He received into His kingdom of grace. Similar miracles we have to-day, in drunkards saved and