

ners that while God hates their sins, he loves their souls, and yearns to save their souls, and that the gift of Jesus is the evidence and expression of that intense love and unutterable yearning. We believe, too, in the Divine Spirit as the Blessed Agent sent to convince the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment, who testifies of Jesus, who takes of the things of Jesus and shows them unto, and lovingly urges them on, the attention of men, who leads those who believe into all the truth, and enlightens, comforts, and sanctifies through the truth. We believe in the freedom of the human will, consequently in the free agency of man; and that therefore it is man's duty to surrender his soul to the persuasive dealing of the gracious Spirit, in looking to that adorable Redeemer whom he delights to magnify. We believe in the conditionality of election, that God's purpose as regards election and reprobation is to set apart to his glory, and separate from the world for himself, all who repent and believe the gospel, and to cast off all who reject it. We believe too in the perseverance of the saints, not as a state to be taken for granted and rested in, but as a duty to be done by the Christian to which he is urged and entreated and commanded in the Word of God, and sweetly drawn by the Holy Spirit. But as there is danger of sinners resisting the Spirit, and refusing to come to Jesus, so there is danger of believers making shipwreck of their faith. We believe that it is our duty and our privilege to pray for continual and abundant supplies of the Holy Spirit out of the fulness that is in Jesus, because God has made arrangement in the economy of grace to bestow super-abundant outpourings of the Spirit in answer to believing prayer. I do not mean at this time to go at all into the grounds on which our beliefs are founded. We simply state our conviction that our doctrines are founded on the indestructible word of God.

But let us ask, What are the ends at which we should aim in the publication of the gospel? Our highest aim should be the glory of God. Our aim as regards our fellow-creatures is twofold, as mankind considered in their God-ward relation, are divided into two great classes—unbelievers and believers—sinners and saints—the wicked and the righteous. Men as sinners are estranged from God, through ignorance of his character. We should seek that they may be born again,—may be restored to God by faith in Jesus Christ. We should seek that believers in Jesus should be built up in Christlikeness of character. It is a blessed thought that