

the Gentile." On any other supposition we cannot clear him from the charge of base hypocrisy, of which we cannot for a moment think him guilty.

3. *On the supposition that the Apostles preached Universal Salvation, is it not most unaccountable their hearers were so alarmed?*

Felix trembled before Paul preaching of righteousness, temperance and judgment to come. Why should he tremble? If Paul told him he would certainly be saved, that surely was nothing to tremble at. It might naturally have pleased him and given him a sense of security.

As in the words of the text, had Paul "promised him life," it might have "strengthened his hands in wickedness that he should not return from his wicked ways;" but that the promise of life should alarm him,—make him tremble—is passing strange. We cannot understand it.

So also the Philippian jailer, when under the pangs of a guilty conscience, was led to cry out in his extremity of fear "What must I do to be saved?" and at the day of Pentecost they were excited with like alarm and gave utterance to the same anxious inquiry. If the Apostles had been preaching that all would be saved we can see no reason for this. But when the Apostle told them to "know assuredly that God had made that same Jesus whom they had crucified both Lord and Christ," they trembled at their wicked deed, knowing that he would come again to "judge both the quick and dead," and that they would be called to account for their wickedness. It was this that alarmed them, and not the assurance that all would be saved.

4. *On the supposition that the Apostles preached Universal Salvation, is it not singular they met with such opposition?*

Stephen was stoned to death. A terrible persecution arose at Jerusalem. Men and women were haled to prison. Herod stretched forth his hand and vexed the Church. Paul was beaten with many stripes, and oft cast into prison—persecution met both preachers and brethren at every turn. That future and eternal punishment is repugnant to the unsanctified mind every one knows; and when the Apostles warned their hearers, saying: