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The following discourse was not preached just in the form in which it now appears. The references to the opinions of others, most of the defence of the statement in the "Confession of Faith," and some passages throughout the discourse, suggested by recent painful bereavements in one of my congregations, are now added. The discourse is published by request, and if it should, in any humble degree, be the means of strengthening faith, brightening hope, alleviating sorrow, and thus magnifying Christ and His "great salvation," the object of its publication will be fully attained.

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