

and undefiled religion before God."—These are acts in which the Psalmist represents the Almighty as more especially delighting, even God in his holy habitation.—It is part of that stupendous love, that brought Christ down from his radiant Throne of Glory to his humble house of clay, upon the most important and beneficial message, namely, to reconcile man to his Maker, and to put him in the way of obtaining pardon and final salvation.—It was this that induced him to take our nature upon him, to be subject to all the miseries and infirmities of the flesh, to undergo unparalleled hardships and privations, to bear the scorn and contumely of men, to be buffeted and spit upon, and at last to suffer the exquisite torments of the cross.—And for what? (1) "that he might make us the sons of God and heirs of eternal life," (2) "that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works," (3) "that he might deliver us from this present evil world," and (4) "give us an inheritance amongst them that are sanctified," in the celestial realms of everlasting bliss.—(5) "In this was manifested the love of God towards us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.—Herein is love, not that we loved God; but that God so loved us, that he sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins."—And what is the inference which the Apostle immediately draws? "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another,"—The language of our divine master is precisely similar,—(6) "Hereby shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one towards another."—"A new Commandment, says he in another part I give unto you, that ye love one another," not in itself new, for it was partially enjoined upon the Jews, but new in its extent and universality.—(7) "Owe no man any thing, but to love one another, for he that loveth another, hath fulfilled the law.—For this, thou shalt not commit adultery, thou shalt not kill, thou

(1) Comm. Serv. ; (2) Titus 2, 14. ; (3) Gal. 1, 4. ; (4) Acts 20, 32. ;  
 (5) 1 John 4, 9, 10, 11. ; (6) John 13, 35, 34. ; (7) Rom. 13, 8, 9.

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