

vide a SAVIOUR—"Immanuel, God with us." On him the Father laid the guilt of all who should believe upon him. "He bore our griefs, and carried our sorrows. He was wounded for our transgressions; *He was* bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; with His stripes we are healed; and the Lord hath laid upon Him the iniquity of us all." This adorable Redeemer has also treasured up in Himself "all the fulness of the Godhead bodily," out of which fulness, the believer by faith "receives grace for grace," *i. e.*, the believer has impressed upon his soul all those excellencies that appear in God's character—an exact impression of the divine image. Thus, Christ by faith becomes the sinner's atonement, righteousness, sanctification, and life. In Christ he lives a *new* life; grows in conformity to the divine image; is made meet for the heavenly inheritance; and is ultimately translated into the mansions of glory to be ever with the Lord.—Such is the gracious and merciful remedy which God has provided for lost, ruined, and miserable man—a remedy which is freely offered to *all*. This is the gospel—"the good tidings of great joy"—the joyous news.

Now, as we have already seen, the Church is entrusted with this glorious gospel. She is commissioned to make it known to every creature. She is enjoined to keep it safe, pure, and entire, for the purpose of benefiting, instructing, cheering, filling with joy and peace, and fitting for eternal glory, the myriads who inhabit earth. Professing Christian, you, as a member of this body to which the glorious and important work has been committed, must have a *personal* obligation to discharge. Yes, the command "to preach the gospel to every creature" falls on the ear of the *whole* Church, and should awaken a thrill in *every* heart. Pause, my brother or sister, and call to mind the condition of those around you, who are not in Christ; ponder well upon the nature of the remedy provided. It is sufficient to deliver from bondage to sin, the wrath to come, and to secure eternal joy and peace to all. With these facts before your mind, *feel*, in all its importance and solemnity, that you are *entrusted* with this gracious and glorious remedy—the gospel, and are commissioned to present it to sinners around you, and to send it to *every* nation and people, as God may give you ability and opportunity so to do. It then is your duty to go to sinners and say, "Brother, sister, here is good news for you. For *you* Christ has died, if you will but accept of him. If you will receive him, he is willing, nay, even desirous, to receive all your many and aggravated sins, to deliver you from the curse and condemning power of the law, turn God's wrath and frowns into love and favor, re-entstamp the divine image upon your soul, and thus delivering from that pit of endless torments to which, without Christ, you must inevitably go, he will bring you into the realms of never-ending felicity." You are even commanded to go out into the hedges, lanes, streets, &c., and tell these joyous news to all whom you may meet or *find*. If you had this subject and these grand and solemn facts, in all their bearings, influences and results, *duly* impressed upon your minds, is it possible that you could associate, day after day, with *dear* children, brothers, sisters, near relatives, friends, or loved companions, whom you had good reason to fear—to *believe*—were strangers to the blessings of this great salvation, travelling on to everlasting woe, and every moment in imminent danger of sinking into the pit of eternal perdition, and still never endeavor to set before them this remedy, to warn them of their danger, and to point them to the Saviour. Surely not! Awake to a sense of your position and its duties. Realise the condition of those around you. Speak to sinners wherever you may meet them about the Saviour. Strive to win souls to Christ. Labor to make religion attrac-