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CHRIST, HIS PERSON AND WORK.

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CONTINUATION OF SERMON ON "MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM."

Archbishop Leighton, the father of expository preachers, has said—"There is nothing that so much concerns a Christian to know as the excellency of Jesus Christ's person and work; so that it is always pertinent to insist much on that subject."

With such authority may I not express a fear, that too little is insisted upon, too little is said of Christ's person, in the topical preaching of our day. Now, it may be, that some among you have never given five minutes consideration to this subject. Let me now remind you of what the Scripture speaks concerning Christ—what He is in Himself—what He is in relation to His Church—what He is in relation to every individual believer. I refer you to the following Scriptures, that you may read and examine the word of truth for yourselves. I have no favorite scheme of Theology to support; my sole object is to lead you to *search the Scriptures*. Colossians i. 15-19; ii. 9-12; iii. 1-12.—Ephesians i. 22-23; ii. 18-22. In this connection there is a short sentence, consisting of three short words, which I would commend to you for a confession of faith—it is this—*Christ is all*. Here is a diamond edition of Theology, a full length portrait of Christianity—here is the centre and focus where all the rays of Divine wisdom, mercy and justice converge—here, *righteousness and peace kiss each other—*

here is the only true criterion of Christian doctrine.

Now, if we know anything of the oneness and closeness of affinity which we have been speaking of, then we realize the value of this precious sentence, this centre-prop of a quickened sinner's hope—*Christ is all*. Why, Christians, do ye not enjoy more of Christ's presence, in your religion—because you never contemplate your Saviour as ever present with you, as a living Saviour: because you do not act faith upon Christ, as your *high priest who is touched with a feeling of your infirmities*: We cannot know, or feel the consolations afforded by the atonement and satisfaction of Christ, until we realize the perfect humanity of Christ as our God-man mediator, who is *not ashamed to call us brethren and who ever liveth to make intercession for us*.—It is not a dead, but a living Christ, not the symbolical cross, but the person of Christ himself, that can comfort the seeking soul.

The doctrine of Christ's humanity is, perhaps, but little understood. It is of the utmost importance, that Christians who are to be saved from Hell through believing, should know *what they believe*.—That they should be able to rest their souls upon the facts, the solid facts on which the hope of their salvation rests. The perfect humanity of Christ is one of those facts. *Now, this is a great mystery*. One