

love, any more than you would an affectionate husband or wife, by throwing a doubt on their love if you had been for a moment ungracious. Hate yourself, but remember how he has loved you, and will love you until the end! Mistrust not His work—mistrust not His love. "It was granted unto the Gentiles to have repentance unto life." All is of God!

I would have you carry away in your minds three things which by grace are given you. 1st, cleaving to the Lord; 2nd, perfect forgiveness; 3rd, a purged conscience. To illustrate this last, take the case of Peter. He denied his Lord—denied Him to a serving-maid; but the Lord had turned and looked at him, and he had gone out and wept bitterly. A few weeks after this (Acts iii.) he could say that they were a lost and ruined people, because "they denied the Holy One and the Just;" the very thing he had done himself, in a worse way too, for he had been with Him as his friend for three years. But his conscience was purged; he knew he was forgiven; and now he could turn round, and fearlessly charge others with the very thing he had done himself.

One word more. Talk with Him. Never be content without being able to walk and talk with Christ as with a dear friend. Be not satisfied with anything short of near intercourse with Him who has loved you with such manner of love!