

and give birth to fresh flowers that may brighten the future—flowers that will become pure and holy in the sunshine which penetrates to the path of duty, in spite of every obstacle. Grief, after all, is but a selfish thing, and most selfish is the man who yields himself to the indulgence of any passion which brings no joy to his fellow-men.—*The Old Homestead.*

For the Gospel Tribune.

### THE LOVE OF GOD.

The first of all the commandments is, Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord: and thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength; this is the first commandment: and the second is like, viz: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. (Mark, xii. 29: 31.) "We preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks a foolishness. But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ, the power of God, and the wisdom of God." (1 Cor. 1: 23, 24.) "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me." (John, xiv. 21.) "For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that He died for all, that they which love, should not henceforth love unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again." (2 Cor. 5: 14, 15.) Supreme love to God, and subordinate love to man, as to self—is then, the sum of the Ten Commandments.

But man cannot command love. It must spring from an object calculated to draw it forth. Hence it is said of Jesus, "And I if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me." (John xii. 32.) Poor, miserable, sin-stricken, hell-deserving man, naturally has no knowledge of the only true God, or of Jesus Christ, whom he hath sent, and is equally destitute of love to Jehovah. It is only when he feels himself to be a lost and ruined creature, that he has brought all his misery upon himself, and that he can do nothing to extricate himself from his wretched condition, that he can faintly apprehend the love of God the Father, or of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, the friend who sticketh closer than a brother, who "became sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." The poor sinner, when he believes with the heart, that Jesus Christ is the true God, equal with the Father, full of grace and truth, and that being also man. He died for him, "the just for the unjust," that He might bring him to God—that very moment becomes "a new creature in Christ Jesus;" and supreme love to his Saviour takes possession of his heart. The cross is the great source of attraction,—the spiritual magnet, which, alone, can bring back the alienated, rebellious heart of man, by the power of the Holy Ghost, into a state of harmony with the mind of Him who originally framed it after the Divine model. Hence it is said, "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God and there is none else," (Isaiah xlv. 22.) Supreme love to Jesus, as the God-man-Redeemer, will necessarily beget a supreme desire to keep His commandments, but His commandments to be obeyed must be understood in their right sense, that is to say, the word of God must be accurately interpreted.

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### THE DEATH OF CHRIST.

Christ by his death slew for us our infernal foes; by it he abolished death; by death he destroyed him that had the power of death; by death he took away the sting of death; by death he made death a pleasant sleep to saints, and the grave for a while an easy house and home for the body.—*Bunyan.*

### REVIEW.

THE CANADA BAPTIST REGISSEUR FOR 1857 is the title of a small pamphlet just published in Toronto; containing an Almanac, the Fifth Annual Report of the Baptist Convention of Canada, a list of Baptist Churches and Ministers, and a few other facts of general interest to the Baptist denomination. To those for whom it is chiefly intended, this pamphlet must prove a very convenient and useful manual. But, with all its excellencies, it is necessary to state distinctly that it has some strange defects. In glancing over the "list of Baptist Churches in Canada" we looked in vain for those in Quebec, in Smith, in Dummer, &c. We read the title to the list again, and thought we must have omitted to notice the word *regular* therein,—but no,—that epithet we found still wanting. In the *Gospel Tribune* for March, 1855, we shewed that many of the churches in the list now furnished, had publicly and formally adopted the name of the "Regular Baptist Denomination in Canada." When and by what authority has this name been set aside? It should surely be as publicly and formally renounced as it was assumed. Are those who bound it like a precious diadem to their brows, and exhibited it at every ecclesiastical assemblage, beginning to cast it away as a useless thing? Could we hope that this defect in the name once chosen, indicates that those who have borne it are becoming less restrictive in respect to all the members of the Baptist family, and are cherishing more fraternal feelings than heretofore, we should heartily rejoice; but the painful question again presents itself,—Why are Baptist Churches in Canada left out in a professed list of Baptist Churches in Canada?

While we protest either against the omission of Churches and Ministers from the list, or else against the omission of a distinctive epithet in the title now given, we admire the pains-taking which is manifested in the collection of the facts brought together, and in the way in which the Report of the Board is drawn up.