

Has not God manifested His righteousness because He has not found among men either righteousness, rectitude, or hope of healing. "He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor."—(Is. lix. 14-16).

It is just on that account that Jesus tells you to come to Him. Why, then, do you not respond to His appeal? Why are you so slow in seeking in your heart that which is right? Instead of complaining of what you have not yet realized, look at what God has done in sending His only Son and in giving Him up to death that we might be saved. God freely justifies the sinner "through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."—(Rom. iii. 24). God is not at all obliged to save us; He has willed to do it, because He is love.

Fourthly—Do not wait to be led to Christ, as you have perhaps pictured to yourself, by some new revelation, by some distinct and powerful impression. The moment you believe in Christ, it will be the same Christ, of whom you have read and heard so many things; the same Christ who now waits with open arms to receive you. We are sinners, ungodly, and without strength; but "when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly."—(Rom. v. 6). Dare you not believe that? Can you be worse than *ungodly*, or in a more desperate condition than *without strength*? *It is for such creatures that Christ died.* "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God."—(1 Peter iii. 18).

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