

to send Christ. There are also conditional promises : and the grand condition of conditions, on which all promised blessings are bestowed, is faith in Christ. Let not Satan then use the promises to hide Christ from your soul. Look to Christ primarily, and you will then see that God is willing and ready, and yearning to do all he has promised for Christ's sake. "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things." Rom. viii. 32. You perceive that, in this passage, the Apostle reasons from the greater to the less. From the fact that God has already given his Son to die for us, he infers that he is willing freely to give us all things. "How shall he not do so" he reasons. If he has given the greater, surely he will give the less. But observe you, it is "with him," that all spiritual blessings are enjoyed ; you enjoy many temporal blessings even though you reject Christ. But spiritual blessings are enjoyed only in connection with him. Believe in Christ then ; accept of God's unspeakable gift ; and with him you will receive of the blessings which God has promised to bestow according to your needs. Thus will you be constrained to magnify Christ.

Notice further ; that the believer's soul is full of holy exultation and triumph because Christ died. "It is Christ that died." The saint draws his comfort from looking to Christ as having died. The sinner to obtain justification before God must look to the death of Christ. It is when he believes in Jesus as having died for him that he enters into the enjoyment of the blessings of a justified state.

Christ is a person. We must not ignore his personality. He is God and man in one person. As a person he is all glory and excellency. He is fairer than the sons of men. He is altogether lovely. There is everything in him as a person to fill us with admiration and praise. When we contemplate his glorious personality and see his moral loveliness a peculiarly sanctifying influence is exerted on the soul. But we must look to the *work* of Christ, as well as to his person. Hence Paul tells us that, when he went among the Corinthians, he determined to know nothing among them save Christ and *him crucified*, and that he would glory only in the *Cross of Christ* as the ground of his hope of eternal felicity. Justification is ascribed to the *blood* of Christ (Rom. v. 9.) In the matter of our justification we must have to do with Christ, as a Saviour, who died in our room, who was crucified for our sins, who obeyed until death for us, who "bore our sins in his own body on the tree." Thus he is set forth by the evangelica prophet