

love, that all the rebellious children of men should lay down for ever the weapons of their rebellion, and be reconciled to himself by the death of his Son. It is the desire of his heart that each prodigal child in the great family of mankind should return from his wandering, receive the kiss of pardoning mercy, be clothed with the best robe, get the ring on his finger and the shoes on his feet, and be numbered among his own domestics.

His heart yearns with compassion over the anti-serious, the ungodly, the unsaved,—and when he sees a Sabbath-breaker, a drunkard, a profane swearer, or an openly wicked wanderer returning from his wicked ways, he joyfully clasps the prodigal in his arms. O reader, remember if you perish it will not be because of some cold iron-hearted unconditional purpose, or decree of which some men speak; no, but in opposition to the will and pleasure of God. He has no pleasure in the death of him that dieth. He wills that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Look unto me and be ye saved all the ends of the earth, for I am God, and there is none else." Such is God's attitude, and such are his earnest appeals to you.

Need I tell you that the Divine Son has the same mind and will and wish that is here expressed by the Father.

Christ not only magnified the law and made it honourable in our room and in our stead, he is exceedingly anxious that all who have broken it should be delivered from its curse. He has not only opened a fountain for sin and uncleanness, he earnestly desires that all should wash and be clean. In the days of his flesh, the Divine man often expressed his earnest desire that sinners should be saved. His tears were evidence of his sympathy, his compassion, his earnestness, his eloquence, and his powerful pleadings. "For when he was come near, he beheld the city and wept over it, saying, if thou hadst known even thou at least in this thy day the things that belong to thy peace, but now they are hid from thine eyes." Christ would have gathered them but they would not be gathered. He was willing and anxious to save them, but they would not come to him that they might have life. Need I tell you that the Divine Spirit, too, like the Divine Father, and the Divine Son desires the salvation of all. He pleads, he strives, he takes the things that are Christ's and presents them before the mind. The Holy Ghost saith, To day, if ye will hear his voice harden not your hearts. O dear reader, it is delightful to know that the Triune Jehovah loves you with unspeakable love, and that