

thou, O blessed Jesus ! loved us with a discriminating love ; took our sins on thy blessed self ; bore the punishment due on account of them, and redeemed us by thy most precious blood, out of every kindred, tongue, people and nation under heaven ; we are therefore not our own, we are bought with a price ; O that we had ten thousand tongues to celebrate thy praise !—And thou, O blessed Spirit, didst powerfully enlighten my dark understanding, whereby I saw how vile, how hateful, and how abominable a creature I was. Thou madest me sick of sin, causedst me to hate it, and view myself as a loathsome, detestable creature on account of sin. O I remember well how just it appeared in my eyes that I should be condemned for ever. It appeared wonderful to me that God would save any, but especially myself, for methought I was the vilest of all God's creation. I saw plainly that it was only electing love and the merits of the blessed Jesus that could save me. It was this thy invincible grace which caused me to hate and forsake sin, and to choose Christ Jesus for my Lord and Saviour. I plainly see my will was so obstinate and bent on evil, that I never had chosen thee, unless thy love had first constrained me to love and choose thee. It is thy wonderful love, O blessed Trinity, that made me to differ from those now weltering in the burning lake. I have nothing but what I received from thee. O the wonderful love thou bestowedst on me, that I, poor worthless I, should be called the son of God ! Be stirred up, O my soul, and all that is in me, to praise and magnify the Lord for his loving kindness to me."

It is plain there can be no true humility of heart without a practical belief of predestination unto life. We should not deviate from this truth merely because it is unfashionable or unpopular. All who are afraid to avow it because of the popular outcry against it, will at the last day be deemed base traitors of God's cause, and destroyers of men's souls. For the gospel cannot possibly be preached fully and clearly without it.