

a bodily shape upon him bore witness. Matth. 3. 16. This was the sign given to John the Baptist, by which he should know him. John 1. 33. Comp. John 5. 37. Well might Jesus ask the Jews, when telling them that the Father who had sent him bore witness of him, "have ye not heard the voice and seen the shape?" Campbell's translation of John 5. 37.

3. Next comes the direct testimony of the Baptist. John 5. 33. He bore witness to the truth. He told the people that Jesus was, "the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world. John 1. 29, 36." That he was 'the Bridegroom of the Church of God---That he came from above and spoke the mind of Jehovah---That God had loved the Son and given all things into his hands---That faith in the son was absolutely necessary to the obtaining of eternal life---and that those who should neglect to hear him, should endure the everlasting wrath of Jehovah, John 3. 27. to the end.

3. Next to the testimony of the Baptist comes that which arises from the works which Jesus performed; upon which he places more stress than on the testimony of John, John 5. 36. and 10. 25. 38. and 14. 10. The works of Jesus were great and manifold. His obedience to the Law bore witness of him, as never man had obeyed it before, but he obeyed in thought word and deed. One sinful thought never crossed his mind. He was, "holy, harmless, undefiled and separate from sinners." "Guile was never found in his mouth."

But his miracles particularly pointed him out as the Son of God. Hence he says, "If I had not done works among them which no other man did, they had not had sin; (i. e. the sin of denying him), but now they have no cloak for their sin." John 15. 24, 22. True, Moses, Elijah, Elias, and the Apostles wrought miracles, but not by their own proper power and authority. They did so by the power of God, as a test of the truth of the doctrine they taught; but Jesus wrought miracles as a son over his own house. He commanded the devils and none durst refuse. He called the dead from the grave by his divine power---he healed all manner of sickness and disease with a word, and it did not matter whether the diseased were present or not: Go thy way, saith he to one, the devil is gone out of thy daughter; and to another, he saith, maid, I say unto thee arise. Is it any wonder he should say to the Jews, "If ye believe not that I am he ye shall die in your sins?" John 8. 24.

4. A fourth proof of the character of Christ, is his sufferings. These prove him to be the Son of God. Who but a divine person could endure the wrath of the Almighty? Could drink up the cup of his fiery indignation? Who but a divine person could make atonement for transgression, by becoming the propitiatory victim for sin? Who but a divine person could finish the whole work given Jesus to do---appease the wrath of God, and deliver a guilty world from condemnation? Jesus only was capable of saving sinners by the sacrifice of himself. He only could cry out, "It is finished." He only could say,