

all compulsory. Eccles. 8 : 4. "Where the word of a king is, there is power."

PHILADELPHES.

THE DEITY OF CHRIST,

And particular Redemption proved from Romans 8 : 32.

"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?"

It is utterly impossible, I humbly conceive, to reconcile this text with the principles, either of Socinians, Arians or Armenians. Socinians say, God has given us a Man, and therefore, he will give us all things. Arians say, God has given us an Angel, and therefore he will give us all things ; both say, God hath given us a creature, and therefore, he will give us all things. How absurd such inferences ! Does not every person see that, God might give a man or an angel, or any other creature, and yet not give all things. If he give the greater, he will doubtless give the less ; but it does not thence follow, that, because he gives the less, he will give the greater. To reason thus, my benefactor has given me a penny, and therefore he will give me a thousand pounds ; or, he has given me a small garden, and therefore he will give me a large estate, would surely be very absurd and inconclusive. Still more absurd and inconclusive would the inspired Apostle's reasoning be, according to Socinians and Arians. Hence we are brought to the following conclusion, that if we would not charge the Apostle with the most absurd and inconclusive reasoning, we must reject as erroneous the Socinean and Arian systems. The Calvinistic system on the contrary, exhibits the Apostle's reasoning as beautiful and conclusive. Whilst the Socinian says, God has given a man, and the Arian says, God has given an angel, the Calvinist says, and with him the Arminian here agrees, God has given his own Son, his equal in all divine perfections, and therefore, he will give us all things. He hath given us an Infinite Gift, and therefore he will give us all minor gifts ; He will give grace and glory, and will withhold no good thing from them that walk uprightly. He gives like a King, he gives like a God. Viewing in this light the forcible reasoning of the Apostle, well may we join with him in his pious and devout exclamation : "thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." From the names, titles, attributes, works and worship ascribed in Scripture to our Lord Jesus Christ, his eternal power and Godhead may be completely established. His Supreme divinity may be also inferred from a multitude of detached portions of Scripture. It is very remarkable that, the above text gives indirect but powerful evidence, in support of another doctrine of the Calvinistic system,