

righteousness ; that the Man of God may be perfect, and thoroughly furnished unto all good works, and although it cannot be reconciled to man's wisdom, it is agreeable notwithstanding to the Christians experience : for instance the electing, everlasting love of God ; you look back to the rock from whence you were hewn ; and the hole of the pit, from whence you were digged ; and you see that your salvation originated in the divine purpose ; and that he who chose you out of the world, gave you eternal life : so as they are chosen out of the world ; it is in fulfilment of God's gracious design that any sinner is led to embrace the Saviour ; for he has said that " no man can come unto me, except the Father who hath sent me draw him." He does not say no man can merit the favour of God, no man can change his own heart ; but, no man can come unto me ; these texts would not stand in agreement with man's power and free will, which would be to suppose life in the soul already, and consequently they could live without him : and we must particularly notice, that previous to the quickening power of the Holy Spirit, man is dead in trespasses and sins : and nothing could render the work of the Spirit necessary, but the want of native purity, and the greatness of our depravity. It would be trifling to dwell so long on this subject, if it was not rendered necessary by the strained, unscriptural, and incautious phraseology, adopted by those who advocate the notion of Free Will : you then see the necessity of being established in the doctrine of Grace ; that man's pride may be humbled, and God glorified as all and in all.

2d. We recommend personal holiness, as a necessary consequence of free grace : and as requisite to the peace, and prosperity of the Church : the first of these propositions is abundantly proved. " They are called with an holy calling : the Grace of God teacheth us to deny ungodliness, and worldly lusts ; and to live Soberly, Righteously, and Godly, in this present evil world. The Saviour's work of redemption ; and the Spirits work in bringing home the purchased sheep : and their obedience to the Shepherd's voice, are all connected ; and centre in the everlasting love of God," they shall be called the Holy people, the redeemed of the Lord, and thou shalt be called sought out ; a city not forsaken, Isa. 62. 12. Be careful then to covet things that are honest, lovely, and of good report ; in particular

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