

Thirdly, I proceed to remove objections, which are brought against the doctrine of our Lord's righteousness imputed.

O ye advocates for armenianisin; for what did the immaculate Jesus suffer, bleed and die?—only to put man into a saveable state? Will ye thus impoverish the *exceeding riches of his grace*, by comparing the all-wise God to a foolish workman, who builds a ship, launches her into the deep, and says, “Now you may sail, upon condition you provide yourself with a helm, and steerman.” Was it through a defect of wisdom, that he laid his plan of redemption so exceedingly ill? or was he so deficient in power, as to be unable to execute it in opposition to the perverse inclinations of men, insomuch that many of those for whose salvation he intentionally died, are so much wiser, or more powerful than himself, that he cannot make them *willing in the day of his power*; nor keep them *by the power of God through faith unto salvation*? or is it through a defect of goodness, that he is not willing to exert power sufficient to subdue their perverse dispositions?—Such a scheme represents the great God as sporting with the death of his Son and insulting the misery and weakness of men, by suspending the whole efficacy of redemption on an impossible condition.

BUT blessed be God, this is not the import of Christ's mediatorial work. Having an absolute power over his own life, he became a *substitute* for the guilty, and *shed his blood for the remission of their sins*. The vengeance, which would otherwise have been executed on *them*, fell on *him*. For he *suffered the just for the unjust*, that by making a full and perfect satisfaction for all our guilt, *he might bring us to God*. And they who can torture the genuine sense of words at such an extraordinary rate as to make *remission of sins*, a *satisfactory* substitution, and *bringing to God*, to signify nothing more than putting men in a *saveable state*, can turn the clearest expression into any meaning whatever.

BUT should any of my readers object, “that if we be temperate,

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