

gospel are addressed to all and consequently to you. The calls of the gospel are just as truly addressed to you as the moral precepts of the holy of law God. Now this lead us to consider a very important practical question, why are the gospel invitations addressed to you? Is God sincere? Is he in earnest? Does he mean what he says? Is there provision, actual provision for all who are actually invited? Yes, all things are ready, all things are *now* ready, let every sinner come to the marriage feast of gospel grace.

One obvious and indisputable reason why the gospel call is addressed to all, is, because *provision has been actually made for all*. The universal invitation has its foundation in the universal provision. Had Jesus shed his precious blood for only one half of the human race, we confess that we are utterly at a loss to see how the other half could be honestly, or sincerely invited to come to Christ for salvation. If there is a single sinner in this country or in the wide world for whom Jesus did not die, that sinner's sins cannot be forgiven, that sinner's soul cannot be saved; and where is the reason, or ground for inviting him to come to Christ and be saved? There can be no real, or sincere invitation without a real propitiation for all who are invited. Blessed be God the invitation is to all, because Christ gave himself a ransom for all. Blessed be God the call is to every man, because and just because Christ tasted death for every man. "Jesus Christ the righteous is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." O it is delightful to know that God loves each one of us with unspeakable love, and that we have a gospel to preach to every creature. We invite all without exception and without any mental reservation to come to the gospel banquet, because the wine and milk of salvation is provided for all, and is free to all, without money and without price, as the air we breathe or the sunlight from heaven.

A limited provision can never be, or appear to be, a good reason for a universal invitation: but since Christ has made propitiation for the sins of all, we can heartily, honestly, earnestly, and sincerely invite all to come to Christ that they may obtain life and salvation.

But another good reason why all are called to believe the gospel is *because all the persons in the Godhead are anxious that sinners should enjoy the blessings of salvation*.

The Divine Father has not only made the provision at immense cost, and sacrifice, it is the earnest desire of his infinite heart of