

life through his name. And as the Father hath life in himself, the Son has life in himself, that the dead might hear the voice of the Son of God, and that those that hear might live. Oh! that none might "turn away from him who speaks from heaven!"

As in the kingdom of nature, there is first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear, and as man left to himself sinks deeper and deeper in the labyrinths of darkness and sin: so in the spiritual kingdom, God by a gradual process introduced the light of life into the world. It shone first in the promise to our fallen parents, then in the institution of sacrifice, whereby the virtues of the "Lamb Slain," were available since the beginning—in the promise to Abraham—in the written law, and the tabernacle with its apartments, furniture, ordinances, &c., and in the prophecies concerning Christ, in his incarnation, righteousness, humiliation, sufferings and death, and glorious exaltation. And through the revelations given, and means instituted, a way of access to God was set forth in every age; and nothing on God's part to prevent the return to him of his erring creatures, so that they might enjoy the adoption of God.

"But when the fulness of the time was come God sent forth his Son," &c. And says the apostle, "because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father." God in his Son has sent forth in the world a perfect example of heavenly light and life. God has demonstrated his pleasure in his Son; he "is well pleased for his righteousness' sake;" and Jesus has sent the Spirit to convince the world of righteousness, for he has gone to the Father. He is the only way, the truth, and life unto the Father. There is no other name under heaven given amongst men whereby we must be saved. And he that hears his word and believes on him that sent him has everlasting life—he that follows him shall not abide in darkness, and he has become the author of eternal salvation to them that obey him. The children of God, then, are such in the Son, and in him alone. They are begotten by his word, "the word of truth." They "live by the faith of the Son of God." They "walk by faith." They "fight the good fight of faith." And they obtain "the victory through the Lord Jesus Christ."

Adam before he fell was not adopted into the family of God, but enjoyed all the privileges of it as his natural right. Jesus the second Adam was not adopted a Son; He and the Father are one—the Father loved him before the foundation of the world. The children of God are chosen in him before the foundation of the world. God has given them the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, and as sin has reigned unto death by one, so by the one, Jesus Christ our Lord, grace reigns unto eternal life.

Yours in Christ,

QUARTUS.

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