

with all the heart and soul and mind and strength; this, our Saviour declared, is the first and greatest commandment; and the second, he said, is like unto it—thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments, he declared, hang all the law and the prophets; and this (we are told) is the love of God, namely, that we keep His commandments. This commandment have we from Him, that he who loveth God do love his neighbor also; we are to love our neighbor as Christ loved all men, and gave himself a sacrifice for them. In discharging this duty we are to bear one another's burdens, and therein fulfil the law of Christ. We are to render glad and loving service in a special sense to the friendless, the sick, the suffering, and the needy, whatever their country or their creed. The Samaritan is to help and do good to the Jew, and the Jew is to help and do good to the Samaritan; Britons to Americans; Americans to Britons. In a word, Christianity enjoins on all to cultivate supreme love to the God and Father of all, and to live towards all men lives of truth, justice, kindness, and active benevolence. That is what God loves, and requires of us.

Without this love on our part, and this goodness of character and conduct towards our fellow-men, it is the doctrine of Christianity that the soundness of our faith is nothing—is but as