

and even His love announced in forgiveness through the work of Christ, may, through the power of the Holy Ghost, awaken the sense of need ; still, having the forgiveness is another thing. That love, brought home to the soul through grace, produces confidence, not peace ; but it does produce confidence. Hence we come into the light. God is light and God is love. Christ in the world was the light of the world, and He was there in divine love. Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. When God reveals *Himself*, He *must* be both light and love. The love draws and produces confidence ; as with the woman in the city who was a sinner, the prodigal, Peter in the boat. The light shews us our sinfulness. We are before God according to the truth of what He is, and the truth of what we are. But the atonement does more than shew this ; it meets, and is the answer to, our case when known. It is the ground through faith, of forgiveness and peace. (See Luke vii. 47-50.) Christ could anticipate His work, and the child of wisdom go in peace. The law may by grace reach the conscience and make us feel our guilt, but it does not reveal God in love. But that love has done what was needed for our sinful state—"Hereby perceive we love, because He laid down His life for us ;" "Who was delivered for our offences ;" "died for our sins according to the scriptures ;" is "the propitiation for our sins ;" "set forth as a mercy-seat through faith in His blood," which