

*son*, was received by his tender and loving Father, upon his repentance. And so it is with the sinner—once made a child of God; once adopted into His family; once numbered among the faithful—now, it may be, fallen into the lowest depths of iniquity by his evil course of life; yet that poor sinner, degraded and fallen as he is, should be addressed as one for whom Christ died; as having been once entitled to all the privileges of the Christian covenant, as a son of God, and an heir of heaven; and, that if he repent, and turn from his evil ways, and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, he shall undoubtedly be saved.

In most cases, *Expository Preaching* will, after all, be found the most profitable and beneficial, if enforced in a plain, earnest, and practical manner. Our congregations, in rural parishes more especially, consist partly of emigrants, and partly of the early settlers of the country, and their families, as well as of others who, late in life, may have embraced Church principles, or conformed to the Church's doctrine and teaching. But many of these people have had little or no religious instruction in their early youth; and consequently have but a very imperfect knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, or the claims of the Church upon their allegiance. And every Clergyman who has the care of a country parish or mission, must have been grieved and astonished at the deplorable ignorance of the young persons under his charge, while preparing them for Confirmation, both as regards the Holy Scriptures,