

is salvation in no other, and there is no other name given under heaven among men whereby they must be saved." To transgress God's law is to rebel against his authority ; to deny the Saviour is to trample on divine grace. How sore must be the punishment of those, who tread under foot the Son of God?

Do any think, after all, there is no occasion for recurrence to the redemption ? They must then imagine, that the *justice* of God will secure them from punishment. But if you expect to stand a trial, and claim an acquittal at the tribunal of justice, produce your cause, bring forth your strong reasons, and declare that you may be justified. Remember you must carry with you to trial a heart unstained with sin, and a life unspotted with iniquity, must maintain before the all seeing Judge, that you never have transgressed his law or offended his purity in thought or action. If you have no such plea to make, then thankfully accept that mercy which comes to penitent sinners through the redemption that is in Christ. We have considered one heresy, which the Apostles pronounce destructive, "denying the Lord, who bought us." There is another equally fatal, which we will now, in the second place, consider ; This is turning the grace of God into licentiousness."

To deny the grace of God in the redemption, is to reject the gospel and resort to natural religion. To admit the grace of God and make it an encouragement to sin, is to renounce all religion.

"The grace of God, which bringeth salvation, teacheth us to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to live soberly, righteously and godlily in this present world." Whatever admiration, we may profess to feel, of the grace of God in our redemption, if we make this grace an encouragement to ungodliness and worldly lusts, and an exemption from our obligation to sobriety, righteousness and godliness, we as really incur the danger of damnation, as if we renounced the redemption and all the doctrines of grace connected with it. That Christ is not the minister of sin, and that we have no encouragement to a wicked life on the ground of our being under grace, and not under the law, the Apostle plentifully asserts,