

Scriptures, says, concerning him. The declarations of God respecting Christ, when believed, and received as faithful sayings, exhibit to the believer, such a display of God as is calculated to overwhelm him, in admiring and adoring gratitude. Beholding the glorious plan, by which sin is punished, and the sinner saved; by which God is just, justifying the ungodly who believe in Jesus; by which righteousness and peace embrace one another: This is the only display of God, which begets love to him; and the necessary consequence of this love, is obedience. If it were possible that the obedience of man, could procure the favour of God; such an infinitely valuable sacrifice as that of the only begotten Son of God, would have been unnecessary. ‘The declaration of divine truth is, *God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.*’ “*He that believeth not God, hath made him a liar, because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us,*” the believers, “*eternal life, and this life is in his Son.*” “*Through this man is preached unto you, the forgiveness of sins; and by him, all that believe, are justified from all things.*” “Beware, therefore, lest that which is written in the prophets, come upon you. “Behold ye despisers, and wonder, and perish, for I work a work in your day, which ye will in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you.” Time is transient; gratification a bauble; eternity to each is at hand. “He that believeth, and is baptized, shall be saved; and he that believeth not, shall be condemned.”

