

hand and his arm were with him, and made him strong. "Behold my servant whom I uphold, mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth. I have put my spirit upon him; he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles." "In Christ's life, the divine law, which is the standard of righteousness, was drawn out to the uttermost; it exhibited the perfection of love to God and man, and in the laying down of his life, in obedience to the special commandment of his Heavenly Father, it was fully consummated. It was an obedience unto death to expiate sin, such obedience as he was under no obligation to perform for himself, because he had no sin of his own, and consequently he must have acted as the substitute and representative of sinners. By his obedience he perfectly fulfilled the law in all its requirements, and answered all its demands upon his guilty people whom he represented, so that his obedience is placed to their account, and in virtue of it, through faith in him they are constituted righteous, they are made the righteousness of God in him, they are justified, or absolved from guilt and punishment, and entitled to eternal life with Jesus Christ as its reward."—*Jones' Bib. Cyclo.*

We could easily enlarge on the excellency of Christ as Mediator and Redeemer or Saviour. It has been made to appear that God's glory has received full satisfaction in Christ; that both covenants get their full complement in him in death and life, to the benefit of his own people; that the covenant of grace and life stands in him for ever in his infinite righteousness, through which God's glory is made great; and that we may truly say of our Lord Jesus and of God the Father in him, "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength, and my song; he also is become my salvation."

"Jesus! thy Robe of Righteousness
My beauty is, my glorious dress,
Midst flaming worlds in this arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.

"Bold shall I stand on that great day;
For who aught to my charge shall lay?
Then, this shall be my only plea,
'Jesus hath lived and died for me.'"—*Carnick.*

IV. In the fourth place, consider the nature and extent of the believer's security in Christ. Those who are in Christ are perfectly safe. Their salvation is absolutely secured to