

(b) His resurrection and His exaltation were the chosen attestation that God was pleased with the sacrifice which Christ had offered up, and that He had accepted it as satisfaction to His law and justice.

(c) God raised Him up that the faith and hope of believers "might be in God."

Here then is the warrant of faith, or, in other words, the warrant which believers have for trusting in God through Jesus Christ. God "raised Christ from the dead and he gave him glory," because Christ had successfully accomplished the work of redemption. He raised Him up—He gave Him glory—to attest that He had accepted the sacrifice, and that the way of mercy for sinners was thrown wide open.

IN CONCLUSION.

First, To believers. See the grand warrant of your faith, and be more and more confirmed in your faith in Jesus Christ. Be established in the truth. Confirm yourselves in God. Be not ashamed of Christ. Cleave to Him through good report and through evil report.

Second, To unbelievers. Here is sufficient warrant for you to believe in Jesus Christ and to come to God by Him. There is evidence that God has approved of Christ's work. He has accepted the sacrifice in the room and stead of men. In attestation of the truth of Christ's dying declaration, "It is finished,"