

do. One soul lost is the same to God as ten thousand souls, because one soul's duration is infinite—it never ends. So that one lost soul means the same, in the eye of God, as the loss of a myriad. He to whom one day is as a thousand years, and to whom a thousand years are as one day, values the happiness and peace of one soul as he does the accumulated joy of all the saved. For, just as one *infinite* straight line cannot be said to be shorter than any number of accumulated *infinite* straight lines, so the accumulated happiness or misery of one soul cannot be said to be less than that of any number of immortal souls.

II.—I cannot believe in the Universalist's doctrine, for it is contrary to the Sacred Scriptures.

Hitherto I have not appealed to Scripture at all; for I wished to test the truth apart from the revealed word of God. We have done so and we have found it decidedly wanting. And yet, notwithstanding the many passages (such as our text), in which the doctrine of the everlasting punishment of the finally impenitent is shown, our friends, like drowning men, catch at straws. They meet us with texts of Scripture, and notably with that one from Paul's 1st Epistle to the Corinthians, xv. 22, "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." True; but that is a far different doctrine from that of Universal Salvation, irrespective of life and character. The subject is death and life. Adam the source of the one, Christ of the other. Who are subject to death? Those who are in Adam, *i. e.*, the human race. Who are to be made alive? *Those who are in Christ, surely.* Show me that all men have been and now are *in Christ*, and I am henceforth a Universalist. But then, what of those who have died and are still dying impenitent and unforgiven? I fear there must be a Hell for them, after all.

On the other hand, turning to Scripture, we find it plainly taught that the good and the wicked are to be separated at the final consummation of the world. *Nothing is plainer than that.* See the Parables of our Lord. Those who are thrust from the presence of the Lord as unworthy, are represented invariably as suffering misery, woe, remorse and shame. And there is not one word in Scripture to show that these shall ever terminate. No purgatorial flames can cleanse when once the day of Grace is past, and no pity can melt the heart that withstood for a life-time the Love of the Lord Jesus