

It is well known to scholars that the word Christ is a title, not a proper name, and that in the gospels Jesus is described as the Messiah, or the Christ. But, since I regard Jesus of Nazareth as the spiritual Christ of God and the anointed Saviour of men, and since "Jesus Christ" and "Christ" are freely interchanged in the Pauline epistles, I have used Jesus and Christ interchangeably throughout this discussion.

I have been assured that people of all classes will be relieved to know that the work of Christ was necessary, not to appease the divine anger, nor to vindicate the divine honour, nor to satisfy the divine justice, but to bring men, through union with him, into a right relation with their Maker. For, while Reconciliation has both a Godward and a manward side, it is practically operative on men. In the mediatorial mission of Jesus the righteousness of God finds its supreme manifestation.

The volume is now given to the world as a modest contribution to constructive, or rather reconstructive, theology, and with the earnest hope that it may help, not only to relieve, but also to instruct, and may tend to establish faith, as well as dispel doubt.

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