

equal to one another, employ **THE SAME TERMS** WHEN SPEAKING OF THAT STATE OF FAVOR AND ACCEPTANCE WITH GOD IN WHICH CHILDREN STAND, AS THEY DO IN THE CASE OF ADULT CHRISTIANS.

As the Scriptural doctrines chiefly involved are those of Human Depravity, and, "Justification with its attendant blessings," our remarks will be embraced under these two heads.

HUMAN DEPRAVITY.

According to the teaching of our Standard writers, the very continuance of the human race, after Adam's sin, is conditioned upon the promise of a Saviour. Were it not for such a promise, the full sentence of death would have been immediately executed, and, the human race would have ended where it began.

"What the race would have been, had not the redeeming plan been brought in, the Scriptures no where tell us, except that a sentence of death to be executed "in the day" in which the first pair sinned, was the sanction of the law under which they were placed; and, it is great presumption to assume it as a truth that they would have multiplied their species only for eternal destruction. That the race would have been propagated under an absolute necessity of sinning, and, of being made eternally miserable, we may boldly affirm to be impossible; because, it supposes an administration contradicted by every attribute

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