

impending vengeance, and come immediately to Christ, that you may find rest and safety for your souls; for "now is the accepted time." Dearly beloved, lay these things seriously to heart in time, for in eternity, which is at hand, it will be too late.

5. To the children of Pedobaptists: Oh! my dear young friends, I have some business with you, the most important business that ever man had with man. God saw you ruined in the fall; and he so loved this ruined world as to give his only begotten Son, to die as a sacrifice for sin, to redeem from destruction such ruined sinners as you. Christ loved the souls of men, and gave himself for them, a sacrifice of a sweet smelling savour unto God; a sacrifice in which the Father is well-pleased; and through which he is reconciling sinners to himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them. To you is the word of this salvation sent. You are called to receive it in faith. Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shall be saved. By faith the promise of eternal life is to you, for it is to all who believe. By faith the promise of the Holy Spirit is to you, for it is to sons and daughters among all the nations of the earth, even as many of them as receive the call, to repent, and believe the gospel. Jesus Christ is the only consecrated way by which we draw nigh to God. He is the only Mediator, or medium of intercourse, with the father. Begin not therefore to put confidence in your own obedience, in your privileges, or in what has been done for you by any mere man, or even by the Holy Spirit in you. The obedience of Christ, finished upon Calvary, is the only ground for a sinner's acceptance with God. Till, by faith in the Beloved, the sinner is accepted of God, and his sins blotted out, as having been transferred to the Surety, and the punishment of their demerit borne to the last stripe;—till then, all are on a level, alike under condemnation, justly the objects of the divine vengeance; and therefore no one can have any preference, nothing to recommend him to the divine favour, no reason in him why he, rather than the chief of sinners, should be accepted of God. Look unto Jesus, therefore, as an almighty Saviour, who is free to the guilty, who offers his services freely to whosoever feels need of them, and is willing to make use of them. While you fancy you have something else to give you a preference, it is to be feared you will think lightly of Christ, for the whole need not a physician. Every ground of confidence but Christ is delusive.

6. To halting believers, who neither are baptized themselves, nor christen their infants. Dear brethren, let your conscience be tender, trembling at the word of God. Trifle not with divine authority. You grant that when Christ rose from the dead, he commanded the apostles to baptize the disciples among all nations, and that in executing their commission, of which baptizing was a part, he promised to be with them to the end of the world. Are you not conscious of habitually disobeying the command, and of slighting the promise connected with obedience? Do not plead that baptism is an external ceremony, and that you can be saved without it. True, unless you are already saved by Christ, you have nothing to do with baptism. But is it not on the very principle of your disobedience, that sinners turn the grace of God into lasciviousness? Can your neglect deserve a better name? If we indulge the disposition to do nothing but what we