

christian virtues he intends to put in practice, but defers the time repeatedly, till, alas ! time is gone, never to be recalled ! Oh that this very day may be the happy date of our beginning a rectitude of heart, and reformation of life. That we may from this hour become new creatures ; that we may become through Christ reconciled to God the Father, by the operation of the Holy Spirit.

It is my duty, my office and my inclination, to *testify repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ, whom we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all spiritual wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.* Woe to me if one soul of those who attend on my ministrations should be lost by my neglect or carelessness.

Let me therefore beg of you by the great God, who made you, and supports you ; by that God, and all his perfections, and all that he has done for you ; by his creating power, his preserving mercy and his universal benevolence ; by his infinity and unchangeable nature ; by his omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence ; by his unspotted holiness, and his strict justice ; by his infinite goodness and perfect truth ; let me pray you to be reconciled to HIM.

Let me conjure you, by Jesus Christ, the son of God ; by his Godhead, his merits, and mediation ; by all that he has done and suffered ; by his humble birth, his diligent life and pain-