

merciful Judge, pouring into his breaking heart dreadful sensations of divine wrath; and to think that we, even sinful we, were the objects, for which he suffered, and our sins, the meritorious cause, must produce sympathy for him, and sorrow on account of our sins.

THE doctrine of justification through the imputed righteousness of the Redeemer displays the *free grace* of God to the best advantage. It manifests forgiveness of sins, & acceptance of our persons as righteous before God, through the blood of Jesus. It points to the blood of the Redeemer as the meritorious cause of pardon and acceptance. It manifests the divine favour to be of *pure, free grace*, both with respect to God, who was under no obligation to admit a satisfaction for sin; but might in strict justice, have left the guilty rebels to perish in their transgressions, and of *pure free grace* with respect to the guilty criminals, who are pardoned. For it is bestowed on them freely without any reward, merit, or desert of their own.

THE doctrine of justification through the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ manifests the goodness of God to the best advantage. Wonderful goodness appears in *allowing* a substitute to suffer in the law-room, and *stead* of unnumbered millions who must otherwise have suffered forever and ever. It appears still greater in *providing* a substitute, without any solicitation on our part. But the greatest exertion of goodness appears in *appointing* a Son, an *only begotten Son* to suffer in the stead of his bitter enemies.

THIS scheme of justification displays the wisdom of God to the best advantage. It harmonizes the seemingly opposite claims of justice and mercy. It not only satisfies each, but magnifies both. Justice receives all her demands, and opens a door for the exercise of mercy. Penitent transgressors are restored to divine favour through the sufferings of a substitute.

THE doctrine of justification through the imputed righteousness of the Redeemer, teaches us to place our gospel obedience on the right foundation. Any extreme dan-

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