

I shall, therefore, only remark, that had Mr. W. examined the 13th verse of this chapter, he would have found, that under the title "Son of Man," an assertion is made, which can only suit the divine nature. Must we, then, consider that title as applicable to the divine nature? If this question must be answered in the negative, does it not point out the impropriety of supposing, that the title under which an assertion is made, must be considered as having an exclusive reference to the nature to which the assertion is suitable?

But again, if the passage in dispute be viewed in connexion with its context, it will be obvious, that the complex personage, who is with propriety, called "the only begotten Son," is here spoken of: "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, (says our Lord,) even so must the son of man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have eternal life." "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish but have everlasting life."

Here, it appears, that the person, by believing in whom, salvation is obtained, is entitled "his only begotten Son." Nicodemus is informed, that this Son must be lifted up, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Now, let me ask, is not everlasting life promised to all who believe in that complex personage, called "the Lord Jesus?" Is he not the only person through whom salvation can be obtained? Was he not given for this very purpose, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life? And lastly, if he be the only one who was ever given for this purpose, must he not be the identical person who is here represented as being God's only begotten Son? Again, we are to believe in the only begotten Son: but who is this? Is he not that complex personage, who was lifted up on the Cross; and by faith in whose name, salvation is obtained?

If the divine and human natures are united, so as to constitute that complex personage, must not the love, by which