

“To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

“Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”

*Mrs. Arnold.*—You learn from this passage of Scripture that those happy and favoured persons who have been brought to rest their whole hope of salvation on their Saviour, may hope to appear before his judgment seat purified from all their sins and infirmities through his atonement, and so clothed with righteousness by his merits, that there shall remain not one spot or vestige of sin to be brought to their charge. How shall we ever be sufficiently grateful for such mercy as this? and how shall we best shew our sense of it? It is impossible that in this life we should comprehend the greatness of the blessings purchased for us by our Saviour, but we may so far understand them that we may endeavour to shew our gratitude by studying to walk in his footsteps and imitate his example as far as poor weak mortals are able to follow so exalted a pattern. It is not the will of our heavenly Father that one of his creatures should be lost; therefore he has provided a way by which we may every one come to him, and be sure of forgiveness and acceptance for his Son's sake. Turn to the sixth chapter of St. John's Gospel, Harriet, and read from the thirty-seventh to the fortieth verse.