

press His love—to deal with me in grace! He has dealt in holiness against my sin, and that before the day of judgment! so that I can say I have peace with God!

How dreadful then, in the face of all this, to find a sinner going on with sin; that for which Christ had been delivered—that which caused the death of the Son of God! Think of being the cause of Christ's death! and yet if I was, which is true, He died to put my sins away! Wonderful for a sinner to be able to say, I believe that this blessed One *did* drink the cup of wrath and died; and that so surely as He drank it, He is at God's right hand, my Saviour! "This is what brings the heart back to confidence in God—the very thing that Adam lost. What he wants you, sinners, to believe is His love. Did He spare a poor apple from a tree for you? *He spared not His Son!* That Son gave Himself that you might be with Himself for ever! This perfect grace takes the guile out of the heart: there is no need for any concealment of your state—no need for guile. You can rest in Divine and perfect favour, and know God better than yourself; and the way you will know yourself best will be to look at God. Can you not then say, I believe unfeignedly that He gave His Son for me; and I am at peace with God, and rejoicing in the hope of His glory. Then I can boast in God—joy in Him through our Lord Jesus. This gives full christian character!

Oh, what a God we have to do with! One who commends His own love to us as sinners—His un-