

in ch 2:28, declares that the blood he thus shed was the "blood" of "God"; and further shows clearly that essential doctrine of the "Incarnation" On this point, also, we see that Mr. Maturin is as rash, and as much in error, as on the other.

As to the doctrine next mentioned, that of "Original Sin," there are very clear intimations of it in various parts of this book of Acts, especially in this passage in ch. 4:12: "Neither is there *salvation* in any other, for there is none other name under heaven, given among *men*, *whereby* we must be *saved*." But Mr. Maturin goes very much further regarding omissions of doctrines in the book of Acts, and says, "or other essential truths of the Gospel." To name no others: are the *resurrection of the dead* and the *final judgment* "essential doctrines?" Of course, Mr. Maturin will readily allow them as such. Surely, then, he must have read in this book, how Paul preached to the Athenians the doctrine of "the resurrection of the dead," and also before Festus and King Agrippa; and must have seen that it is plainly mentioned in other parts of the book. As to the *final judgment*, he can scarcely have forgotten that it is said in this book, that Paul reasoned to Felix of "judgment to come" until even that hardened sinner "trembled"; or what is recorded in ch. 17:31: "Because he hath appointed a day in the which he will judge the world in righteousness."—Here, surely, are very strong declarations in the book as to these "essential truths of the Gospel." Many other most "essential truths," especially *Repentance* and *Faith* in the Saviour, are contained in this book, so slighted by Mr. Maturin. On the same page, in referring to St. John's gospel, he says: "There is nothing expressly mentioned in it about the *birth* or *ascension* of Christ,—about Original Sin, or the Atonement,—about Baptism, or the Lord's Supper: these and other doctrines are implied or presupposed, but not directly asserted in it." Here, again, Mr. Maturin is in about equal error as concerning the