

satisfactorily contradicted, that the perception of the free mercy of "God in CHRIST," arising from the conviction of human sinfulness, and the feeling of man's need of a Saviour, leads on to the perception of the necessity of the best obedience man can render to the Law, as at once the produce "springing out necessarily of a true and lively Faith,"* and some return to God for all His undeserved kindness.

Understand, therefore, my Hearers, that you are solemnly charged by "the Truth as it is in Jesus,"† to "live diligently after His commandments." The Salvation, purchased for you by the blood of the Lamb, imposes upon you the obligation of including in your daily practice, (as far as lieth in you, and your respective conditions demand of you,) the whole circle of duties embraced by the Moral Law;—requiring of you, that you be faithful as husbands and wives; watchful parents and obedient children; affectionate in the relationship of brothers and sisters; considerate masters, honest and diligent servants, kind and charitable neighbours; in a word, that you be good Christians, "thoroughly furnished unto all good works."‡

I might here enter into a detailed explanation of all these duties; but I deem it enough to say a few words upon one, which the event of to-day seems to suggest, as the most appropriate subject of remark and exhortation. From the circumstance, that heretofore, such of you as are inhabitants of this Settlement and its neighbourhood, have not been blessed with a House of God amongst you, it may have resulted, that here the due observance of the Sabbath has grown into much neglect and disuse. Of the past, however, in this respect, it is not my intention to speak, further than to exhort all, who may be conscious to themselves of having overlooked the commandment to "keep holy the Seventh-day," that they both fervently and frequently ask of the Almighty Being, who § hallowed it from the beginning, His forgiveness of that transgression!

* xii. Article. † Ephes. iv., 21.

‡ 2 Tim. iii., 17. § Gen. ii., 2, 3.