

being erected in our world. We have demerit, and so to be saved we must trust in the merits of another : and that we may trust in the merits of Jesus, we must continue to realize that we are unworthy. An acknowledgment of unworthiness is necessary that, as we have received Christ Jesus the Lord, we may so walk in him. We receive him as sinners and worthless : and so must we walk in him. A realization of our sins and worthlessness enlivens our gratitude ; the person who seeks salvation by his own worth and merit, could not thank God for it, if he got it. Boasting is not excluded by the law of works : it is excluded, however, by the law of faith. The more we see of our sinfulness and unworthiness, the more we see of the kindness of God in providing salvation for us by Jesus, and of course the livelier and intenser and holier is our gratitude. The more we see of our unworthiness ; the more we realize our dependence on God, the more delight do we take in his word, and in prayer to him. A realization of unworthiness tends to foster humility and to prevent spiritual pride. Then, Christian, never forget that you are a sinner : and when you are led into sin lose no time in confessing it to the God of salvation. Continually realize your nothingness and unworthiness ; these thing you must do, that you may continually look to the cross of Jesus, that your gratitude may abound, that you may be kept in your proper place at God's feet, confiding in him.

6. LOVE TO GOD.—Love to God is certainly the duty of the Christian. He should love the Lord his God with all his heart, soul, strength and mind. Love to God is subjective Christianity. Objectively considered, Christianity is God's love to man in Christ Jesus. We have already spoken of gratitude as an exercise of the believer's soul. Gratitude is love to any being for benefits received from him. But the Christian loves God with the love of complacency also. God has bestowed and is continually bestowing benefits on us : we are unworthy of the least of them ; we are therefore not right in heart, if we have no gratitude to God. But God is the most excellent being in the universe : and we should have complacency in his excellency. When we conceive of him we must array him in our conceptions in all the splendour of natural and moral perfection. We should abstract from our conceptions of him all that is imperfect or limited. He fills all space and all duration : he is unchanging in all his natural and moral perfections, He is infinitely wise, He is faithfulness and holiness. He is infinite moral beauty. He is the sum of all excellence. We love a person who