

throne. Do you want love? All creature love is but as a drop to the ocean in comparison to His love. Yea, Christ is the sum of all perfection. He offers Himself to you and enjoins me to plead with you to accept His gracious offer. Without Christ, you are guilty and condemned to eternal sufferings in outer darkness. If you only accept of Him, He will immediately pardon all your sins and begin at once to carry on in you the second part of His great design in loving the Church, to be accomplished on earth ; *i.e.* :

#### *The Washing of Sanctification.*

Some think that, while regeneration and justification are done in us and for us by Christ, we must sanctify ourselves. This is a great mistake, as we must daily look up to Christ to make us holy. To accomplish this He works by His Spirit through the truth. "Thy Word is truth." The Word of Christ is the Spirit's chief instrument in sanctification. Losses and crosses, comforts and trials are used by the Spirit to refine us of our dross and make us holy ; but, in blessing these, the Word is usually brought to our remembrance, and we are led to experience its power to warn and direct, to establish and strengthen, to comfort and bless. Let us then prize the Word. It is the sword of the Spirit, the rod of Jehovah's strength, the instrument by which the Spirit masters and subdues the soul, empties it of self-sufficiency, iniquity and wretchedness, and fills it with humility, holiness and blessedness of heaven. Let us also prize holiness. To glorify God in making a people holy was the great design of Redemption. For this object the Father gave the Son. For this object the Son gave Himself. For this object the Holy Ghost was sent forth. To glorify God through being made holy should be our great object in life, ever reaching forth to the things that are before, seeking the prize,—conformity to Christ. The person who is not being made holy has never accepted of Christ. So much for Christ's design in loving the Church to be accomplished on earth.

Christ's design in loving the Church to be accomplished in heaven is that He might present it to Himself a glorious