

banished ones. No ! no ! The plan was His—His own devising—and the resources were His, too—and all founded on absolute righteousness. A sacrifice was needed—a sacrifice of infinite worth—and He has provided that ; the Son of His love. In virtue of the blood-shedding and death of Jesus, God's Lamb, God is righteous in receiving and justifying every guilty sinner that returns to Him. And instead of appeals to Him being necessary, all the appeals come *from* Him—appeals that might well break the heart of every poor banished one, and fill it with confidence in God and His love. “Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins” (John iv. 10).

“ O Love divine, Thou vast abyss !

“ Our sins are swallowed up in Thee ;

“ Covered in our unrighteousness ;

“ From condemnation we are free :

“ In Jesus' blood our hearts can trace

“ The boundless riches of Thy Grace.”

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Will you take, as the free gift of God, the salvation which He has purchased in righteousness, and brought to you in grace ? “The gift of God is eternal life,” and “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life.” John 3, 36.

Reader, remember the solemn warning : “If the word spoken by angels was steadfast, . . . how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation.” Heb. ii. 2, 3.