

you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made to the fathers, God hath fulfilled the same to us their children, in that He hath raised up Jesus" (Acts xiii.). The proper person of the Lord Jesus Christ, and His death and resurrection, is the key by which we are able to unlock all Scripture. The Holy Ghost, Himself the Inditer of all Scripture, the Spirit which moved the prophets, is especially known to us as "the Spirit of truth," and Glorifier of Jesus. His great testimony is to the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow. And as soon as the death and resurrection of Jesus became a matter of fact, the Holy Ghost brought it to bear on His own precious Scriptures; and in this light we clearly discern, that iniquity not imputed, is righteousness imputed. "God hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Cor. v.). There is nothing simply negative in the Gospel. It is not a prohibitory system. It is a gracious system of conferring positive blessing. To forgive sin may be negative; but to give righteousness is a positive and inalienable blessing. This marks the genius of the Gospel. "Whosoever believeth in Him [Jesus] shall not perish;" it stops not here, "but have everlasting life" (John iii.). "That they may receive forgiveness of sins,"—but it goes on, "and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in Me" (Acts xxvi.). If we are "delivered from the power of darkness," it is by translation into