

He undertook so great a task because He loved the race with the love of a Father towards His children. It was the outworking not of an after-thought, but of the eternal intention of the Divine mind and heart.

God's purpose is large. He intends not merely that man shall get to heaven when dead. He designs to reproduce His own character here in the eternal now. He has never swerved from this purpose.

Christ the Mediator.

The life and death of Christ was a visible manifestation of the nature and character of God, and of his feelings towards sinners and against sin. His life and death were a reconciling act, whereby the whole world is drawn to Him. It is also a vindication of righteousness, and a testimony of God's abhorrence of sin.

Christ was the man nature in the Godhead. He was also the God nature and character in manhood.

But no conception of God as father is correct that does not include the idea of governor and judge, and this because He is Father. His fatherhood is paramount. "God is *Love*," but He is righteous love. He is also *Light*; and "the *Law* of the Lord is perfect."