

ate Dei, when he argues against the pagans who spoke against the Christian's God because of His indiscriminate judgments. Hence the final tribunal was reserved for another world, at which the errors of time shall be rectified. In regard to soteriology, all hinged upon Roman law, out of which sprang the commercial, one-sided view of the atonement which represents the Son, who came to make the world know the Father, almost altogether as the victim of that Father's stern, inflexible justice and necessary obligation to law.

Before the Church of Rome became consolidated, and gained its iron sway over the nations, the apostolic spirit, that had slumbered awhile during doctrinal discussions, reasserted itself in Europe. The northern barbarian had overflowed Rome's provinces, bringing in, like a fresh breeze from the mountains, his individualism and love of liberty. That love of liberty was akin, in some respects, to the movement of the free Spirit of God, that touched the hearts of Christian men with love for the souls of them who had once been their enemies and the enemies of their God. A great wave of genial missionary effort, Celtic, Germanic and Slavonic, met it, until distinction of race and culture was lost in Christian brotherhood. The new converts, not capable yet of the highest ideals, were nevertheless in earnest. Fired with the love of freedom and the desire for Christ service, they, on the one hand, inaugurated the crusade against the Saracen and the Turk, and, on the other, united in Christian orders of poor preachers and workers for the world's redemption. The love of liberty and that of Christian service went hand in hand. The perception of good in the characters and lives of others, even of opponents, the Mahometan, the Jew, the Barbarian, led, in some cases, to infidelity, but in others to a wise toleration that rose towards a conception of human brotherhood, and finally, in such saints as Francis of Assisi, it aspired from human service to the pure love of God.

Freedom through service became an unspoken watchword. It aspired and suffered in Wallace, of Scotland, and Von Winkelreid, of Switzerland; it fought and conquered at Bannock-