

they are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked." (Apocalypse 3, xvii). They are poor, for they have lost their eternal inheritance. They are slaves, for they have lost the liberty of the children of God, and are bound by the servitude of Satan. "Amen, I say unto you," said Christ, "that whosoever committeth sin is the slave of sin." (John 8, xxxiv). They are spiritually dead, for they have lost the life of their souls. O! more wretched and more pitiable far than the blind, the lame and the deaf, are sinners who have lost the treasures of God's friendship, have forfeited their rights to Heaven, and have wrecked their innocence and destroyed the very life of their souls. Our Lord came primarily for the salvation of sinners, to seek and save that which was lost. The primary object of His coming was not to heal the diseases and ailments of the body, but to heal the diseases and wounds of the soul; was not to restore the life of the body, but to restore the lost life of the soul! If, then, the Saviour