

all, (verses 10, 11, 12), "*There is none righteous,*" "*all gone out of the way,*" and verses 22, 23, "*There is no difference, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.*" And again in chapter v, verse 12: "*Death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.*" Which shows we are all sinful, all guilty of sinning and offending against God, and all under the sentence of death, and after this the judgment, unless we have been saved from it by the Lord Jesus. Now because of our sinfulness and our offences against God, and because He is Holy and Righteous, therefore He must judge, must punish sin. Yes, even if we only had sinned once! because, it is so terrible and hateful to Him. So that there could be no hope for you or me or any one unless some one who had no sin or sins of his own, some one who is holy and mighty too, who could take and bear for others the terrible judgment of God, could be found to meet God as a judge for us, and bearing this judgment for us, die instead of us! But here is just where God's love to us comes in, "God is love" as well as holy and righteous. And God had one Son, His only Son, whom He loved, who was with Him up in heaven from all eternity, and though He hated our sins, God so loved us, so loved the world, that He sent, and gave His only begotten Son, that *whosoever believeth in Him*, should not perish but have eternal life. (John iii, 16). Yes, God sent and God gave His holy, spotless, beloved Son to come into this world and become a man. And as He must judge, must punish, sin, because He is holy, but as He loved us poor sinful men, women