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## THE DIVINITY OF CHRIST

Of the divinities of Scripture some are evidently of more importance than others. They appear frequently on the sacred page, and in a great variety of aspects. They are also inseparably related to all that concerns our present and eternal welfare, and they also become a matter of vital importance to us.

Conspicuous among these, stands forth the Deity of the man Christ Jesus. With searching effect to us, as to the man whom he had cured of life-long blindness, He himself addresses the enquiry "Dost thou believe in the Son of God?" With solemn grandeur does He still declare "The Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son, that all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son, honoureth not the Father which hath sent Him."

This doctrine places the Redeemer before us as one of the Divine Three, in the unity of the Godhead, and therefore as worthy of all worship both from the rational man and the hosts of heaven. That His Sonship is not the result of the economy of grace; that it is original, unique, and eternal, is satisfactorily shown in the Scriptures of truth. God hath spoken to us by His Son, "by whom also He made the world."

Who also He made the world. Then, before all worlds He was, with the Father, and the Father, when there was no Son. When therefore He was Father, He was not yet Son, but He became Son when He was Father. He is not yet Son, this day He begot Him. He must refer to some day prior to the existing time—to the day of eternity itself.

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And suffering, and death. These, therefore, form no objection to the doctrine of His Divinity. They only magnify His condescension and love towards us. In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins; who is the image of the invisible God; first of all things created: for by Him were all things created that are in heaven and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him; and He is before all things, and by Him all things consist. Great then, as the work of creation, is His work, and if

His greater to redeem," this is also His. And ultimately He will bring the present order of things to an end. As Creator He shall fold up like a vesture work of His hand. The Redeemer He shall sit upon the throne of His glory, around all the slumbering dead from their graves, conduct the judgment, gather the saints home to heaven, and appoint the heirs to their doom, "where their worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched."

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sufficient to produce a resolve in the breast of every sterner to embrace the mercy of God offered to all and escape the "death that never dies." Many of the Annihilationists, we believe almost all, are materialists, believing the existence separate from the body as will be seen by a few quotations from their own writings. "His perfect organism is his man," "a soul."

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SABBATH STANZAS ADDRESS TO THE CHRISTIAN PILGRIM.

BY MARY H. HERBERT.

Another green spot in a wilderness.— Another refuge in a weary land; Come, Christian, tunc thy harp, let joyful songs Adorning you thy gently guiding hand;

Look back upon thy weary pilgrimage, Though but the journey of a few short years, Its heights, whose summits seemed in sunshine bathed,

Ah, green inviting paths with snares abound, And fairest flowers with rankling thorns are crowned.

Yet, oh, thy yearning heart recalls bright skies, That shone from thee thy soft and soothing light,— And bowers of fragrance, shared by friends

Was thine in sunny day and clouded night; Blest were those hours affection's smiles endear'd,— A Paradise the wilderness appeared!

But why, those swimming eyes, those hands upraised, In all the touching eloquence of grief? Where are they now? Alas those angel guests, Bright was thy presence, but their stay how brief!

They vanished from thy sight, and with them went, The glided halo they to life had lent.

And now, a lonely pilgrim thou hast come, To water with thy tears this resting-place; Thy bowed-down head, thy garments soiled and torn,

Tell of the toils and conflicts of the race; Yet, by thy side, sweet Palestine loves to stay, And gently smooth the terrors of the way.

once, reject it, whenever it conflicted with that infallible revelation; but the fact is, that they are all, more or less, in variance in their schemes and systems; scarcely any two of them being agreed throughout.

and genuine child-faith in one of the lowest of the London poor, as John B. Gould: "A friend of mine, seeking to relieve the poor, came to a flight of stairs that led to a door, which led into a room reaching under the slates, He knocked. A feeble voice said, 'Come in,' and he went in. There was no light, but as soon as his eyes became adapted to the place, he saw, lying upon a heap of chips and shavings, a boy about ten years of age, pale, but with a sweet face.

"What are you doing there?" he asked of the boy. "Hush! hush! I am hiding." "Hiding? What for?" And he showed his white arms covered with bruises and swollen.

"Who was it beat you like that?" "Don't tell him; my father did it." "What for?" "Father got drunk, and beat me because I wouldn't steal."

"Did you ever steal?" "Yes, sir, I was a thief once." (These London thieves never hesitate to acknowledge it—it is their profession.) "Then why don't you steal now?" "Because I went to the Ragged-school and they told me 'Thou shalt not steal,' and they told me 'God in heaven, I will not steal, sir, if my father kills me.'"

"I don't know what to do with you. Here is a shilling. I will see what I can do for you." The boy looked at it a moment, and then said: "But, please, sir, wouldn't you like to hear my little hymn?"

My friend thought it strange that without food, without fire, bruised and beaten, as he lay there, he could sing a hymn; and he said: "Yes, I will hear you." And then in a sweet voice, he sang: "Gentle Jesus, meek and mild, Look upon a little child; Pity my infancy, Suffer me to come to Thee.

Fain would I to Thee be brought; Gentle Lord, forbid it not; In the kingdom of Thy grace, Give a little child a place."

"That's my little hymn; good by!" The gentleman went again in the morning; went upstairs, knocked at the door—no answer; opened it and went in. The shilling lay on the floor. There lay the boy with a smile on his face—but he was dead. In the night he had gone home. Thank God that he has said, "Suffer little children to come unto me!" He is no respecter of persons, black or white, bond or free, young or old. He sends his angels to the homes of the poor and the destitute, the degraded and the wicked, to take the blood-drugged little ones to his own home.

HEAVY VERDICT. A case was tried in the Gurnsey county, Ohio, Common Pleas, three weeks since, when Mr. Francis Watt was plaintiff, and Samuel Boyd defendant. The Cambridge Times in reporting the case says: The plaintiff is the widow of S. W. Watt, at one time a prominent physician and surgeon, and an ex-Representative of this county, who died about 15th of September, 1869, from the effects of intoxication. She set forth in her petition that her husband had an extensive and lucrative practice, which enabled him to provide a comfortable support for his family prior to the time of the grievous committal by the defendant. That since about the first of April, 1865, her husband was in the habit of becoming intoxicated, and so continued until the time of his death. That the defendant continued during all of this time to sell and deliver to him intoxicating liquor in quantities from one pint to one quart, causing him to become a habitual drunkard and incapable of attending to any kind of business; and that the plaintiff was therefore compelled to attend upon him, nurse him and provide for his support, and for the support of herself and family; and the same caused his estate to be squandered and, resulting in his death, and therefore the plaintiff, the widow of the deceased, has been deprived of the means of support for herself and minor child, and that she has been compelled to do child labor for the same, and claimed that she has been damaged to the amount of \$5,000, for which she asked judgment at the hands of the court.

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