

with his obedience and death; and if I may be allowed to state my thoughts, it seem to render the condition of the very elect hopeless, excepting however the infant race. For before they are regenerated, they are cursed by the law, and after they believe they are under a law from which there is no redemption. If I do not sin under that law which is said to be abolished, as plainly I cannot if the assertion is true, how am I to be saved? Not by the obedience and blood of Jesus, because he never lived nor died under that law by which I sin. Not by my own disobedience surely? Indeed I cannot be saved at all, which is something like a general sufficiency—an atonement in which there is ‘enough and to spare’—a surplus, generally sufficient for all that are dead, but which allows the living to perish for ever.

*Remark 4.* The atonement as exhibited to the reader in the preceding pages, entirely destroys the notion of offered grace, and affords the strongest encouragement for every individual who is enquiring after the salvation of Jesus Christ.

I have pursued this subject to an unexpected length, which must oblige me to omit other matter prepared for insertion. At first I intended compressing all my observations and enquiries into about eight sixpenny numbers. Before, however, I had proceeded far in my undertaking, I found myself in a similar situation with the novice, who went with an oyster shell to the strand, in order to form a receptacle in the beach for the convenient exhibition of all the waters in the ocean. Every subject with which I have contrasted the doctrines of offered grace, has ramifications which I have not noticed, and which might be made to bear upon the duty-faith system. There are also doctrines which I have not noticed, but which are as strongly opposed to the general scheme, as those which I have examined. But the evidence and proofs which I have accumulated in the course of this work, are sufficient to overturn the doctrines of a motley salvation, pleaded for by general invitation-men, even supposing that those doctrines resembled mountains of lead, instead of heaps of chaff.

I will now briefly notice a few mistaken notions,