

thou art an almost Christian, thou wilt not approve of it, because I have not been moderate enough. If thou art a Pharisee, thou wilt hate what I have said in it more than thou dost sin or the devil, because it is not palatable to thy self-righteous nature. If thou art a broken-hearted sinner, thou wilt hail the truth, knowing it to possess healing virtue; thou wilt be panting after it as the only thing that can comfort or strengthen thee in thy distressing moments. If thou art an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile, thy desires will be going out after it as the life of thy soul; and if thou canst not say, "My beloved is mine and I am his," thou canst say, "That I may know him" in the efficacy of his grace, "and the power of his resurrection" in my soul, "for I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus," whom I long to call "my Lord." Then be assured thou dost not only know the doctrines of grace, but what is better still, the grace of the doctrine. And "what thou knowest not now thou shalt know hereafter."