if one of us were to begin this minute to live a life absolutely free from sin, that could not atone for the result of past sin. Some means must be found of washing away our sin if we are to inherit eternal life. In an impressive scene, Shakespeare describes Lady Macbeth as walking back and forth pretending to wash her hand. As she does it she says, "All the perfumes of Arabia will not sweeten this little hand." She had the sin of murder upon her hand, and she knew that it could not be washed off.

This which man could not possibly do to find an answer for cleansing him from his sin and bidding him to enter into eternal life God has done. God has sent His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to become sin for us; to bear our sin by His death on the cross in order that we might be the righteousness of God in Him.

Sin demands penalty. Man cannot meet the penalty. It would require an eternity of expiation. Only God could find the answer. He sent the Christ as the Lamb to take away sin.

All through the life of the Lord Jesus Christ it is clear that there was one controlling purpose, for which He had come into the world. It was to die, ~~in the place of sinful men.~~ He alone of all who have ever lived did not deserve to die. He alone had lived a righteous life, in which no sin could be found. Like the Lamb in Exodus 12 which had to be examined for three days to be sure that there was no blemish in it, before it could be offered, He for three years walked about in Palestine and talked with people and showed openly His spotless character and His wonderful teaching. Many had ~~seen Him,~~ known Him, lived with Him, seen every detail of His life, yet He could face them and say, "Which of you convinceth Me of sin?" There was no flaw that they could find in Him. He was the perfect One, who having no sin and deserving no punishment for Himself, could die on the cross in the place of sinful humanity. God could have chosen to leave man in sin, but He Himself paid the penalty. He sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to die on the