

3. *They are not of any use to regenerated persons, nor are they ever made to them.* To offer mercy to a person who has obtained it, is only to offer what he has got — an uncertain thing for a certain—a bird in the bush for one in the hand. Moreover to offer a person those things upon impossible conditions which he has as a free gift by covenant interest, is like offering an estate to the owner, provided he will but comply with certain terms. Beside, an estate is not *offered* to an heir at law, but is made over to him in a legal manner. It is not *offered* but *conveyed*. Spiritual mercies are not offered indiscriminately upon legal conditions, but are conveyed to the chosen family by the line of heirship. “If a son,” said Paul, “then an heir,” &c.

If they are of no use to neither the regenerated nor the unregenerated—the born nor the unborn—the living nor the dead, to what class of people can they be serviceable? Where are they to be found, and how are we to know them? What connection had they with the headship of Adam, and what relation to Christ, the chosen representative of all the high-born family? Now until there can be such a class of characters discovered, offers of grace will be of no other use than to harrass the elect in time, and to aggravate the misery of those who are left to themselves through all eternity.

*Lastly. Their ABSURDITY.*

1. If to offer the property of a person to men indiscriminately, when it was designed only for certain persons mentioned in the will, would be absurd; then offers of grace are absurd: because the treasures of grace are designed for certain individuals whose names are written in the *testamentary-covenant*. But it would be grossly absurd to offer a person's property to all, when it was given to some as a legacy.

2. If to offer upon conditions what was freely *given* is absurd, then offers of grace are absurd, because they represent that as conditional which was freely given in covenant transaction. But the former would be characterized as absurd, so must the latter, or all accuracy of idea be destroyed.