

own right hand planting. And also as it concerns churches properly formed according to the pattern which he has given in the word. And also as it concerns every one, who through the Spirit of his grace trust only, simply, and wholly on his Person, blood, and righteousness, for everlasting salvation. I would aim to view the motive urged by Christ, in his praying for his apostles. When any of us pray in faith and in the Holy Ghost, and have remarkable freedom and access to God, we are led to take a view of the love of God to us. This we do sometimes, as prior to the fall, and as above and beyond the consideration of salvation. Yea, there are seasons of grace in which some of God's beloved have very free, close, and intimate fellowship with God the Father; and they are drawn out into supernatural thoughts and views of his eternal ancient love, and speak out before him, and recite unto him, what passed in his vast, and infinite mind, from everlasting. If any of you who read, or hear this discourse, know any thing of this in your own souls, then you have a key to unlock this, and many other parts and expressions in this deep and most truly solemn and divine prayer. In the which our Lord enters into the depths of everlasting love. He mentions in it the uttermost of his Father's heart towards the elect. And the inward motive of the Father's will towards them, and his uttermost end he had in all the grace he was pleased to will them. *Holy Father, keep through thine own name, those whom thou hast given me.* Christ had before said, *I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world,* ver. 6. Now he says, *Holy Father, keep*