

*that there are three that bare record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one.* As this is eternal life, to know the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom he hath sent, so according to our Lord's words, we know the Father in the Son, the Son as sent by the Father, and this from the Spirit. Who being not here expressed, was before this declared in the sermon which preceded this prayer, that he would come on the apostles, and lead them into all truth. *Howbeit, when he, the Spirit of Truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth, for he shall not speak of himself, but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak, and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.* John xvi. 13, 14. Thus we have the whole Trinity in Christ, and in the true knowledge of Christ, we have the true knowledge of the Trinity. And in the knowledge of the Three in Jehovah, in their everlasting love, and covenant engagements, we have eternal life. And our eternal life, the life which saints live on earth, and which saints live in heaven, is kept up, fed and maintained, by the real knowledge they have, of the eternal Three. In this consists the essence of all perfection and blessedness in the heavenly state. Even in a personal knowledge of all the persons in God, in the God-man, Christ Jesus, and in personal and uninterrupted communion with them for ever, and ever. Beloved in the Lord, study the truth of this. Your utmost attainment on earth, lies in the knowledge of Christ. If you know him, you will know the Father in him. If you grow into Christ, you