

stowed by him, on those whom the Father gave him. He expressly declares what that eternal life consists in; and then speaks concerning what he had done on earth, and that he had finished the work for which he was sent into the world. Which work he says was given him. *I have glorified thee on the earth, I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.* So that the whole work and office of mediation, was a gift from the Father. Hence our Lord lays this emphasis on it—*the work which thou gavest me to do.* It being finished exactly conformable to the pattern drawn in the divine will, in the everlasting covenant, it could not fail of being most truly acceptable. Hence our Lord speaks of it before the throne, as that which could not but be everlastingly acceptable, and well-pleasing in the sight of him who sent him. *I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.* Join with these words what the Father said to Christ, *Thou art my beloved Son, in thee I am well pleased, and you have the whole of the everlasting gospel; which the Holy Spirit working with, and giving you the right knowledge of, will be unto you life everlasting.* The Lord grant it may be thus to you. Amen.