

Which as it proceeded from everlasting love, so out of the same everlasting love, wherewith the Father loved the elect, he gave them unto Christ, and he out of the same love wherewith he loved them, as the beloved of God, and as the gift of his Father's love to him, he gave himself for them, and gave himself unto them, and to open fully his heart unto them, he had from time to time opened the mysteries of the kingdom of God unto them. This is the substance of what he here says. This he declares to his divine Father. This he speaks in the hearing of his disciples. Thus he opens his heart unto them. And thus he speaks, that they may be encouraged, strengthened, and comforted. It is wonderful, yet so it is. The whole of God's will, counsel, covenant and designs in Christ Jesus, is fully and clearly revealed in the scriptures. In them there is a record of what passed between the Three in Jehovah, before the world was. It is in them stated just as it is in the divine will. And the God-man came down from heaven, and was incarnate, that he might fulfil all testified of him in the sacred page. And stamp dignity on every letter and syllable in it. And thus declare, and hereby make himself known, as the substance and subject of it. And hereby make way for his opening the whole depths of God's council respecting the salvation of his church. And thus in his ministerial office, to preach the whole to his beloved disciples, so as to enable them to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. From the words of Christ before us, it is evident these apostles were instructed into the knowledge of the ends, and designs, for which he