

Satan, the god of this world; of such who were walking according to the course of this world; of such who were following the desires of the flesh, and of the mind; of such in whom the devil worked with energy. These are opposed to those persons which Christ here prays for. Those whom our Lord here prays for were not such; they were chosen out of the world; they were born again; they were translated out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God's dear Son; they were passed from death unto life; they were in a state of grace; they had communion with the Lord. Our Lord might therefore well say of them, *They are not of the world.* As he might also on an higher account. They having been separated from all eternity, in the Father's eternal purposes and decrees, to be Christ's. Not only to be his members, but his apostles also, they were his in a most singular, and peculiar manner. As such, Christ was very particularly interested in them. They being those individual and identical persons who were to declare his truth, to publish his gospel, to spread his name, and fame, to publish his salvation, victories, and renown throughout the world. Our Jesus might well say of them, *They are not of the world;* the work in which they were to be engaged was not of the world. The ends and designs of their living and dying in the world, was to answer no one end, which worldly men have their hearts set upon. These persons, of whom Christ speaks, were to be really dead to all that the world calls great and good; they were to be burning and shining lights; they were to live as having Christ for an ensample; they were to act as Christ's representatives and delegates; they were to give continual