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c. Has God in grace condescended to save us by His love and mercy? Has Christ become incarnate to redeem us and deliver us from our sins and their terrible consequences? Has the Holy Spirit come to take up residence in the very core of our being, to enable us to live rich, meaningful, godly lives?

What kind of obligation does this place on us? What do we owe God? Is this not a strong motivation to persuade us to want to overcome besetting sins?

d. Do we love God, both for who He is, and what He has done? Do we appreciate and love Him; and do we want to please Him and know that His loving smile is upon us? What momentary pleasure or indulgence or enticement is worth trading for the loving smile of God?

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Do we want to see God's face clearly in loving trust each morning, throughout the day, in the evening, and during the dark hours of the night?

Do we want to represent God truly and clearly to our loved ones, friends, coworkers, neighbors, and others, by our life and our witness? Do we want to express our indebtedness, our appreciation, our love, to God, and fully consecrate ourselves to Him?

Then we must renounce and lay aside every sin that entangles and harasses us, every besetting sin!