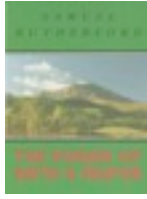


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Christ did good and saved the world, and went about doing good – not so much as a free agent, as by a holy necessity of nature, just as the sun has not liberty to move and to cast its influence of heat and life on the earth but does this by nature. The clouds, when the Lord milks them, must let down rain to nourish the things that grow – Nature forces this, and fat and oily meadows cannot but send forth sweet flowers, delicious herbs and grass. Nature is a strong agent, and cannot be resisted. So, though Christ did good freely and deliberately, yet goodness and grace were in Christ – as with Nature, He could not choose but do good. Grace was in Him, as a river, He could not keep it within the banks, it must flow over to needy sinners. It's as natural to grace in Christ to vent itself for the good of sinners as for the floods to move and run and the fire to cast heat. Come near Christ, cold and dead sinners, and He must warm you.

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