is by the blood of our Lord, who came and stood in your place and stead, and died your death for your transgressions. Thus has he ransomed you from your transgressions by blood, and covered your polluted and deformed souls with righteousness, Rom. viii. 34, for the sake of which God passeth by you, and will not hurt you when he comes to judge the world, Gal. iii. 13.

**CHR.** This is brave! Now I see that there was something to be learned by our being pardoned by word and deed. Good Mercy, let us labour to keep this in mind: and, my children, do you remember it also. But, sir, was not this it that made my good Christian's burden fall from off his shoulder, and that made him give three leaps for joy?

**GREAT.** Yes, it was the belief of this that cut off those strings, that could not be cut by other means; and it was to give him a proof of the virtue of this, that he was suffered to carry his burden to the cross.

**CHR.** I thought so; for though my heart was lightsome and joyous before, yet it is ten times more lightsome and joyous now. And I am persuaded by what I have felt, though I have felt but little as yet, that if the most burdened man in the world was here, and did see and believe as I now do, it would make his heart merry and blithe.

**GREAT.** There is not only comfort and the ease of a burden brought to us by the sight and consideration of these, but an endeared affection begot in us by it; for who can, if he doth but once think that pardon comes not only by promise but thus, but be affected with the way and means of his redemption, and so with the man that hath wrought it for him?

**CHR.** True; methinks it makes my heart bleed, to think that he should bleed for me. O thou loving One! O thou blessed One! Thou deservest to have me; thou hast bought me. Thou deservest to have me all; thou hast paid for me ten thousand times more than I am worth. No marvel that this made tears stand in my husband's eyes, and that it made him trudge so nimbly