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when I thought of religion, partially awakened and
having some confused Ideas of the way of salvation;
but I had not learnt the deep apostasy of fallen
man; it would be well for me if I knew more
of this truth now! I had not studied the spirituality
and excellency of the divine Law, as holy, just and
good; worthy to be observed and obeyed; that
man as a transgressor cannot be justified by it,
and that therefore it is as a Schoolmaster to
bring us unto Christ. That the agency of the Holy
Spirit is indispensably and absolutely necessary
to enlighten the understanding, to change the
will, renew the affections and to form the new
man. That Faith which is the gift of God, must
be earnestly sought for and prayed for in order
that we may be directed to the foot of the Cross
of our expiring Redeemer as the only refuge from
the wrath to come. The fault was in me. I have
reason to be humbled and ashamed before God:
for had I called upon Him faithfully, He would