THE SERMONS OF IOH

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Chapter. 1.

1. Paul an Apostle of Jesus Christe, by the will of God, according to the promise of life, which is in Jesus Christ.

2. To Timothee my very dear Sonne grace, mercie and peace, from God the father and from our Lorde Jesus Christ.

Hough in all that S. Paule hath left vs in writings, we have to consider that it is God that spake to vs by the mouth of a mortall man, and we must receive his doctrine with suche authoritie and reverenc, as if God shewed himselfe from heaven to be seen with our eyes, yet notwithstanding there is one thing more to be considered off this Epistle, then in the other, and it is this, that S. Paule beeing now in prison, and seeing his death at hande, meant to conforme his faith in this place, as if he had sealed it with his owne blood. And therefore so oft as we reade this Epistle, let vs lay that flat before our eyes that S. Paule was then in, to wit, that he looked for nothing but to die for the witness of the Gospell, as he did indeed as bearing y standard before vs, to put vs more out of doubt of his doctrin, and then we shall be touched to the quicke. As no doubt if a man reade this Epistle diligently he shall finde the
ter of God shewe himselfe in such forte, and in such a majestie and vertue, that whether hee will or no, he shall bee as it were raunished with it. As for me, I know I haue profited, & do daily profite more by this Epistle, then by any booke of the scripture, and if euerie man wil looke into it diligently, I doubt not but he shall finde the like.

And if wee desire to haue witness of GODS truthe

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