



The Mediation of Christ

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To
Alison, our beloved daughter

Preface

The purpose of these lectures is to help students, ministers and pastors, and other Church leaders and workers, to think theologically about the Gospel, so that they may get a firmer grip upon its content for their various ministries. The material presented here relates to earlier addresses on the Mediation of Christ given at Summer Schools of Theology in St. Andrews, Scotland and Princeton, New Jersey, which were naturally adapted to the circumstances, conditions and needs of the people who attended them. This book represents an extended form of the Didsbury Lectures which it was my privilege to deliver in The British Isles Nazarene College in Manchester during October 1982. I would like to express my warm gratitude for the kindness accorded to me by the staff and students of the College, and not least for the friendship of the Dean of the College, the Rev. T. A. Noble, whom I got to know first during his own theological studies at Edinburgh University when he distinguished himself in Biblical, Patristic and Dogmatic theology in a way that won the deep admiration of his teachers. For once I have dispensed with references and historical notes, in the hope that a more straightforward presentation of my exposition will be of help to a wider ministry of the Gospel in preaching and teaching alike.

My wife and I have been marvellously blessed with a very dear daughter, Alison, whose love and thoughtful care for us are beyond measure. This book is dedicated to her in token of our unbounded thankfulness and joy.

Canty Bay, East Lothian,
October, 1982

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