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- C. The Father and Son in election
- D. Human depravity and divine mercy

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- C. Chalmer’s *The Expulsive Power of a New Affection*

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