

I WAS ONCE A CHILD OF WRATH,
I AM NOW A CHILD OF GOD.

DEAR READER,

ONE day a book was given to me to read called The HOLY BIBLE. I was told that it spoke of wonderful things, and that it was the written message from the great God who made the Heavens and the Earth, to the people who lived in this world. I felt curious to know what it had to say to me, and the first thing I read was that

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." *2 Timothy* iii. 16.

Next, I was greatly surprised to read what GOD thought of men's characters in these days,

"For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a FORM of GODLINESS, but denying the POWER thereof: from such turn away." *2 Timothy* iii. 2-5.

and that the course of their every-day life, was,

"Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience, among whom also we all had our conversation [or dwelling place] in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others." *Ephesians* ii. 2, 3.

The description of people in general, who are called in these days "Christians" astonished me