

apprehension of the blessedness declared in this Psalm : we are really strengthened. At times I marvel at the grace of God in permitting us to judge ourselves. He can never give up His title as "Judge of all ;" we have come to Him as such (Heb. xii. 23), but so completely has He, by His grace, justified us through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, that He would have us arraign ourselves before the judgment-seat, and be the judges of our own selves. The right apprehension of standing in complete righteousness before God in Christ can alone qualify us for this. Self-judgment may have been carried on by us in our ignorance on a different principle—viz., seeking to find some ground in ourselves for acceptance with God. But now it is to search and see how just and holy is the way of God in dealing with us, so as to make us debtors alone to grace, and yet this very grace reigns through righteousness by Jesus Christ ; since redemption displays the holiness, justice and truth of God in strict accordance with His mercy.

There are three characters of judgment with which the saint has to do—self-judgment—the judgment of the church—the judgment of the Lord. These are very distinct in their character. Attention to the first necessarily precludes an individual from falling under the judgment of the church, whose province is to judge those within, while those who are without God judgeth (1 Cor. v. 12, 13). The failure of the church to exercise judgment, in

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