

the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power. Which he wrought in Christ, whom he raised from the dead, and set him at his own right hand, in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come. And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church, which is his body the fulness of him who filleth all in all." Eph. i. 17-23. Here we see that the Spirit of wisdom and revelation is given in the knowledge of Christ. It is in him that the eyes of the understanding are enlightened to perceive the true extent of the Christian's hope. In no other light can they have a view of that glorious destiny that awaits the heirs of glory. In their union with Christ, they have elevation above all creation. The eyes of the wise men of this world are not enlightened to understand this. They have no hope of such a glorious inheritance. They are contented with the rank which they enjoy upon earth, and would think it insanity to expect to be raised above angels.

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## TESTING QUESTIONS.

### HAVE I MORE PLEASURE

- In studying my Bible, than in a novel or a newspaper?
- In contemplating the righteousness of Jesus than mine own?
- In the prayer-meeting, than in the pleasure-party?
- In mortifying sin, than in indulging it?
- In clothing the naked, than in adorning my person?
- In feeding the hungry, than in gratifying my appetite?
- In doing good, than in paying trifling visits?
- In speaking a word for Christ than in gossiping?
- In praying for an erring friend, than exposing him?
- In the company of the pious, than of the worldly?
- In seeking to save souls, than in saving money?
- In living humbly, than at the expense of others?
- In the approbation of God, than of my fellow-men?

Reader, if thou can'st not answer these inquiries intelligently in the affirmative, why deceive thyself any longer with the idea that thou art "in CHRIST," or in the way to heaven? You may be professor of the gospel, but be assured you are not "born again." Ye *must* be BORN FROM ABOVE, John iii. 3, otherwise ye shall never go thither.

"Saith Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after ME, let him take up his cross and follow me."

"Be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."

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As it sometimes rains when the sun shines; so there may be joy in a saint's heart when there are tears in his eyes.