

THE CHRISTIAN.

The Christian may be contemplated in his relation to his God, or in his relation to his family, or to the Church, or to the world. He should act out the principles of Christianity in all the relations which he sustains. But it is most important that he be right in the sight of God. If he live near God and enjoy the smile of God, he will be likely to act Christianly in all the other relations which he sustains. We point out, in this paper, some of the exercises of the Christian's soul, before God, by which nearness to God may be maintained, and his approbation enjoyed.

1. LOOKING TO THE CROSS.—It is by looking to the Cross that a person becomes a Christian. A person enters into a proper position in relation to God only when he looks to the Cross. A person may be anxious—may see the evil of his sins—before he looks to the Cross. But he is never right with God until he sees the Cross.

The Cross is the atonement for human transgression. It is the way to God, to purity, to heaven. It is the exhibition of God's love and mercy to mankind. It is the vanquishing of the prince of darkness so that he has no more power over sinners than they choose to give him: it is the means of deliverance from his thralldom. Sinner, do you wish to be right in the sight of God, look to the Cross, and behold there your God propitiated—well pleased.

That a Christian may be kept in a proper state of mind he must continue to look to the Cross. This is an exercise of mind which the Christian can never dispense with. He can never outgrow his need of looking to Jesus. It is not once believing that will save a man completely. The first look to the Cross does give pardon, brings the soul near God, into the enjoyment of his love. But that he may continue to enjoy the pardoning love of God, that he may be near God in thought, in heart; he must continually look to the Cross.

If a Christian does not continue to look to the Cross he can have no continued communion with God. The Christian's intercourse with God is interrupted the moment he looks away from the Cross. Just as a person must be right before God in order to act rightly in all the relations he sustains, he must be looking to the Cross to perform all the duties he, as an individual, owes to God. When a person is not looking to the Cross, he is away