

he hath done, whether it be good or bad," 2 Cor. 5: 10. * * *

Fourth, Comfort in bereavement.—“ I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them that are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we that are alive and remain unto the *coming* of the Lord, shall not prevent them which are asleep, for the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout * * * And the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words,” 4, 13-18. Where else can the heart find comfort when almost breaking beside the grave of our dead? You may say that the spirit is in heaven. O, yes, but the spirit is not all of the beloved one, for the body, too, is precious, and can be seen in beauty and glory only at the Coming of the Lord.

It is also charged that the receiving and holding of this truth makes men enthusiasts and fanatics. I do not know that I am very anxious to deny the truth of this statement. I would rather be inclined to pray