

2. We are told that God the Father bestows upon us peace and love and faith: VI. 23, "Peace be to the brethren and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

We are told that He bestows upon us grace and peace: I. 2, "Grace be to you and peace from God our Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ."

Again we read that He bestows upon us the exceeding greatness of His power (I. 19,) the power indeed with which He raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

II. 7. We read that, "in the ages to come, He will show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus."

I. 17. He grants us the power of spiritual insight, for Paul prays that, "The God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints."

These, then, are the gifts bestowed upon us by God the Father whereby we are enabled to grow in grace—gifts bestowed in conjunction with the work of Jesus Christ and of the Holy Spirit—peace, love, faith, grace, spiritual insight; and, above all, God Himself as an indwelling Power.

E. Again we have the teaching of the epistle in relation to the Re-

surrection of Jesus Christ, and we are told, I. 20: that, "God the Father raised Jesus Christ from the dead."

II. JESUS CHRIST.

A. In relation to the work of Creation:

We are told, III. 9, that "God created all things by Jesus Christ."

B. In relation to Redemption:

The teaching with regard to Jesus Christ in relation to redemption is very full. His work in this regard is shown us in five ways. We are told that He grants us adoption, life, reconciliation, access to the Father and forgiveness. It is thus evident how closely Jesus Christ is associated with the Father in the work of Atonement.

C. In relation to Sanctification:

Jesus Christ is just as closely associated with the Father in the work of Sanctification. He carries on the work of Sanctification in exactly the same way as the Father and the Spirit, namely, by bestowing upon us special gifts and by His own indwelling in the believer.

I need not repeat the texts. They are almost identical with those used with regard to the Father in relation to the work of Sanctification.

D. Christ in relation to the Church:

Christ's relation to the Church is shown us in three figures:

1. IV. 12, He dwells in the Church which is called His body.

2. IV. 15, He is the Head of the Church.

3. He is the corner stone of the Church.