

Man forever. He has not merely gone back to God as He came : He has gone back *Man*, and to be a man forever.— There is a Man in the presence of God, in the nearest place to God He can be; a Man who has got a place for man, who never needed to get a place for Himself.

He has worked for a place for man, and He has got it ; and Christ is made of God unto us “ wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption.” Christ is our righteousness— the change of raiment for the filthy garments of iniquity ; and Christ is righteousness to every one who believes on Him.

Beloved friends, the soul that believes in Christ is as Christ is before God. What Christ is, He is : as righteous, unchangeably righteous ; “ righteous as HE is righteous.” We are accepted in the Beloved, before God as He is, with all His perfection ; with all that God sees in Him for us, and the value of His work is ours with God.

That is the “ change of raiment ”— One moment a sinner in your sins before God, and another moment clothed with Christ before Him, as Christ is before His eyes. And mark, GOD does all that. He does not say to the sinner, take off your filthy garments and put on these. He says to those who stand by, “ Take away the filthy garments from him.” He does not say put on these new garments. He says, “ I will clothe you with change of raiment.” God does all.

Now what does He say to you ? He is faithful and just to forgive you your sins, and to make over Christ to you as your acceptance before Him. Is not God's righteousness on your side now ? What do you say ? “ I I am not

ashamed of the gospel of Christ ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.” Why ?— “ For therein is the righteousness of God revealed.” For God must not only be a good God, a loving God, but a righteous God, and His righteousness is revealed. Where ? *In the cross.*— And is that *against* sinners ? No !— God's righteousness is revealed in the cross ; and that is not *against* sinners, but for sinners. The cross is death ; the cross is judgment.

The cross is not the fruit of good works, or anything of that sort : it is the fruit of sin, although the sinless One took it. And if you want a title to the cross, your sins are the title.— Take your sins ; put them down in the presence of God ; and God is just and faithful to forgive you your sins. Aye, and to give you the whole value of the work of Christ as you prove yourself to be one of those for whom Christ died. He will put you in absolute perfection before God, the absolute and unchangeable perfection of Christ forever and ever.—F. W. GRANT, IN GOD'S EVANGEL.

A LETTER FROM THE SOUTH.

Many readers of the GLEANER are interested in the work which has its centre in Toccoa, Georgia, and it is on my mind to tell them some of the way the Lord has led in it. That it is of the Lord is very evident, for it is a work that has been and is being done in great weakness, and which is carried on in entire dependence upon the Lo. d. There is nothing in it for man to glory in, and yet in it our God is bringing glory to His own name. This work needs above all the prayers of God's people, and one reason why I write is to stir up all who read this and who