

death ; the wages of sin, (as a child of Adam,) for all are guilty before God. (Rom. iii, 19). How blessed it is so ; no room for the creature to reply to the Creator. Then why not at once take the lowly place before God as a guilty sinner and own His sovereign grace and love to you. Surely you can say,

“ Nothing but mercy 'll do for me ;
 Nothing but mercy—full and free—
 Of sinners chief, what but the blood
 Could cleanse my soul before my God.’ —
 “ Save by the blood He could not bless ;
 So pure, so great His holiness :
 But He it is who gave the Lamb,
 And by His blood absolved I am.”

Can any one think it is a light thing for the Lamb of God to have been made sin! to pass through that death on the cross, and endure the hiding of the Father's face. Why was all this ! That sinners believing should enter into the fruits of His precious work and know “ no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus.” (Rom. viii, 1). This, dear friend, is only our side of the Gospel. This gives life, deliverance from death and judgment, but God does not stop there, we have justification through Christ's resurrection. (Rom. iv, 25). “ Being justified by faith (in Christ our risen Lord) we have peace with God. v, 1, and the Holy Ghost is given as the seal of Christ's work in us, (Eph. i, 13, 14:) and abides with the believer forever. (John xiv, 16). Dear friend we close here ; not that our joys in Christ, as given in His precious word are all told ; but trusting that if the Lord has awakened you to know Him as your Saviour-God and Friend, it will be your engrossing desire to search that life giving word for further treasure.

Remember God's word is “ hid from the wise and prudent but revealed unto babes—even so Father, for so it seemed good in thy sight.” (Matt. xi, 25, 26).