

EXTRACTS FROM A LETTER.

It is pleasant to be in the Lord's paths, though *the cross* be found in them, only we must *walk close with Him*, or else the very *goodness* of them *reproaches us!*

I am the servant of the *Lord's will* and He will do His work, that I am assured of. May the Lord only enable me to finish the course He has appointed to me, in peace and earnestness. Here I have naught else to do, that I feel more than ever, and desire nothing else.

I trust the beloved brethren are looking for Christ's coming. Not that I am moved by events; strange to say all that is passing in Europe, though evidently leading on to it, as to *this world*, rather puts it off for me, as showing a progress of arrangements which may take time for our being caught up to meet Him, our own hope. I have *no time* at all; we "wait for God's Son from heaven." I believe that where we walk in the simplicity that is in Christ it is a very happy time, we enjoy the Lord, Himself, and His coming in hope, in an especial way as to opposition and shame. If it be for Christ's sake, happy are ye. If we are in the events, of course we suffer one and hardly enjoy the other; but one hears little of them, walking with the Lord. Only they that will *live godly* in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But one ought to feel much, and in all love, for the *whole* church. They are dear to Christ, washed in His precious blood, and dwelt in by the Spirit. If *we* want to comprehend, it must be "with all saints," for *they* are the dearest to His heart of all the counsels of God. The Lord give us diligence of heart *with Christ*, that is the great thing, and He, Himself, becomes infinitely precious to us with the sweet consciousness that we shall see Him face to face, and be with Him for ever. May He enable us to glorify Him here. My kindest love to—and all the beloved ones. It would refresh my heart to see them all again.

See how Christ has given us the record of *our place through redemption*, in the end of Matt. iii., and then taken up *our conflict* in chap. iv.

Your affectionate brother in Christ.