

this is not living on Christ. *Why have you got these difficulties? Because you are inclined to them, and nourish what is the seat of them by continually letting your heart move in the sphere where Christ is not. Christ Himself is not enough your object.* There is surely grace enough in Him to help us, where through grace He is looked to, and a strength which is made perfect in weakness.

[Italics by Ed.]

GOD FOR US.

ROMANS VIII. 31-39.

In this portion of scripture the apostle sums up the exercise of heart, and the work of grace, first in these exercises of heart, and then in the revelation of real liberty through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, which we enjoy as redeemed from all that we were in the flesh, from sin and Satan and the world, and from law too. But then, having gone through all this, and having shewn the way by which we, having the Spirit, are children of God and heirs, joint-heirs with Christ, and possessing the consciousness of the bondage and corruption which is still around us here, he closes the whole by shewing how, before it, and in it, and above it, and beyond it all, God is for us. He brings out this great truth to shew, not that Christ is in the heavenly places, but that He is in the difficulties. He shews, (and what a blessed thing this is, for by it He gets to God Himself!) though He