

had been with God it did so. A shining face never sees itself. The true heart is occupied with Christ, and in a certain sense and measure self is gone. The right thought is not to think of self at all—save as we have to judge it.

“THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN HIM.”

“Not only did the blessed Lord meet for us who believe all our sin as children of Adam, by His death, so as to clear us according to the glory of God from it all in His sight, but He perfectly glorified God himself in so doing. ‘Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in Him. If God be glorified in Him, God shall also glorify Him in Himself, and shall straightway glorify Him.’ See John xvii. 4, 5.—Hence, as stated in both these passages, man in the person of Christ entered into the glory of God. But it was wrought for us, our sin was put away by it. Christ having glorified all God is, is our righteousness. We are thus the righteousness of God in Him. We have a positive title to enter into that glory as regards righteousness, though owning it all to be of grace (grace reigns through righteousness), and rejoice in hope of the glory of God, by the work and worth of Christ. ‘As He is, so are we in this world.’ But this took place in Him, as entering into, beginning in His person a new place of human existence, a risen man entered into glory. The power of eternal life was in it. Dead to the old scene and all that state of being and place and ground of relationship to God. He lives, in that He lives to God. Christ has thus His perfect place of acceptance as Man with God, and we in Him. He is gone in the power of divine life, save according to divine righteousness into divine glory.”

“The Gospel proclaimed righteousness on God’s part, instead of requiring it from man, according to the law. Now the Holy Ghost could be the seal of that righteousness—He could come down upon the Man Christ, because He was perfectly approved of God. He was righteous—The Righteous One—He can come down upon us because we are made the righteousness of God in Christ.