

## DOUBTS.

CALLING on S——. to-day I observed that he did not look so bright as usual, and soon the cause discovered itself. "Do you know," he said, "I sometimes think I am deceiving myself, and that I am not a child of God at all; for when I was converted, ten years ago, in the time of the revival, I *felt* such a load of sins taken off me, and then I was so happy, but I have not at all the same feeling now, so perhaps after all I am self-deceived."

I saw at once that the fault here was self-occupation, looking *in* instead of "looking *off*" unto Jesus," and therefore I said, "Well, dear S——., I am not surprised at what you say, for it is the natural result of basing your acceptance with God, on your *experience*, and not on what *He says* in His word. I passed at one time through the same experience, and therefore I can feel for you. I used, shortly after my conversion, to have at times great sensations of joy, followed by corresponding feelings of depression, and while these latter continued, of course I was miserable, but what gave me perfect peace was the ceasing to take account of my own feelings *altogether*, and beginning to rest calmly and quietly upon what God says in His word about Christ, who was delivered for my offences, and raised again for my justification; (Rom. iv. 25) and I reasoned with myself thus: "If Christ indeed has been delivered for my offences, there is no necessity for me to be delivered for them, for God is too just to demand payment over again

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