

Lord's coming makes the *Person* of Christ to be so much before the soul. I am going to see Him and to be like Him. Scripture does not talk of going to heaven ; " Absent from the body, present *with the Lord*" (2 Cor. v. 8). " To depart and be *with Christ*, which is far better" (Phil. i. 23) ; always, the thought is *going to Christ*. What we all want personally, is, that Christ should have a larger place in the heart : " Rooted and built up in Him" ; " To know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge." " Christ is all," and He is " in all" as the power of life ; having become our life, He is before our souls to fill them.

Christ is the motive for the Christian for whatever he does, whether he eats or drinks ; and his desires are never satisfied, and never can be, till he be with, and like, Christ. Therefore, he is always waiting for Him. The Thessalians were converted " to wait for His Son from heaven" (1 Thess. i. 10). The coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, instead of being a little bit of prophetic knowledge, is interwoven with all the thoughts and condition of the Christian. Grace has appeared teaching us (Titus ii. 11, 12), and the grace that has appeared is the grace that saves. When the Lord went up on high the Holy Ghost came down, and through the Holy Ghost we have not only the knowledge but the fruits of the place He has given us. The seal of the Holy Ghost is put upon us ; the presence of the Holy Ghost is that which gives the full knowledge of our place and