

guilt of sin is taken away, and we stand reconciled to God. The offering up of Christ as the propitiation for the sins of the whole world, is the appointed manifestation both of the righteousness and of the love of God. In this propitiation the pardon of sin involves no abrogation or relaxation of the law of holiness. It is the vindication and establishment of that law,<sup>1</sup> in virtue of the free and righteous submission of the Son of God Himself to all its requirements. He, the unchangeably just, proclaims Himself the justifier of him that believeth in Jesus.<sup>2</sup> From age to age, the sufferings and death of Christ have been a hidden mystery, and a rock of offense to the unbelief and pride of man's fallen nature; yet, to the humble penitent whose heart is broken under the convicting power of the Spirit, life is revealed in that death. As he looks upon Him who was wounded for our transgressions,<sup>3</sup> and upon whom the Lord was pleased to lay the iniquity of us all,<sup>4</sup> his eye is more and more open to see, and his heart to understand, the exceeding sinfulness of sin for which the Saviour died; whilst, in the sense of pardoning grace, he will joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.<sup>5</sup>

We believe that in connection with Justification is Regeneration; that they who come to this experience know that they are not their own,<sup>6</sup> that being reconciled to God by the death of His Son, we are saved by His life;<sup>7</sup> a new heart is given and new desires; old things are passed away, and we become new creatures,<sup>8</sup> though faith in Jesus Christ; our wills being surrendered to His holy will, grace reigns through righteousness, unto eternal life, by Jesus Christ our Lord.<sup>9</sup>

Sanctification is experienced in the acceptance of Christ in living faith for justification, in so far as the pardoned sinner, through faith in Christ, is clothed with a measure of His righteousness and receives the Spirit of promise; for, as saith the Apostle, "Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified, in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."<sup>10</sup>

1. Rom. iii. 31.

2. Rom. iii. 28.

3. Isa. liii. 5.

4. Isa. liii. 6.

5. Rom. v. 11.

6. I Cor. vi. 19.

7. Rom. v. 10.

8. II Cor. v. 17.

9. Rom. v. 21.

10. I Cor. vi. 11.