

A little spark from heaven above,
 An earnest of our Maker's love.
 In age it warms and cheers our life,
 And nerves us for earth's storms and strife:
 A sunny spot for souls to rest,
 And for the time feel they are blest.
 How good in God to give us power
 To live again life's early hour—
 To wander back and stroll around,
 With early friends, our old play-ground!
 Proving that holy friends away
 Are living still in endless day,
 And hoping, when life's dream is past,
 That we will join them all at last!

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BEING FOUND IN CHRIST.

"And be found in him."—*Phil.* iii. 9.

This was Paul's desire, when he saw the excellency of the knowledge of Christ; and if we have had the same vision, we shall express the same wish. Observe the nature and blessedness of being found in Christ.

WHAT IS IT TO BE FOUND IN CHRIST?—It includes a personal interest in his atonement; and is opposed to a state of nature, which is described as being without Christ; a state of Glory is to be with Christ; and a state of grace is to be in Christ.

It is to be in him as our Mediator to reconcile us to God; as our righteousness to justify our persons; as our sanctification to renew our nature; as our refuge to defend us from evil; and as our all sufficient portion to supply all our wants.

WHAT ARE THE BLESSINGS CONNECTED WITH SUCH A STATE?—When faith lays her hand on the Bible, and says the pearl of great price is mine, I have found the Messiah, a voice echoes from the Divine Oracles, "All things are yours." To be found in Christ, is to be found in his favour while we live; in the enjoyment of him when we die; acquitted in him in judgment, and in his presence in heaven. Is this our state? We may be found in all the forms of Christianity, in the temple, at the throne of grace, the family altar, the Closet, the Communion table, and yet not be in Christ. What need is there for close examination!

O keep me at thy sacred feet.
 And let me rove no more.—*Temple.*