

remission of sins. It is a joyous thing to know the remission of sins, but the soul will soon get weak if thinking of that. "Whosoever believeth in Him," turns the soul to God. I look to Jesus, and that is what gives me joy, and changes me into His image.

Now, when Cornelius believes in Christ, as preached for the remission of sins, the Holy Ghost comes—in a peculiar manner it is true then, because God was showing that He would receive the Gentiles. So it is not merely the knowledge of remission, but the love which was proved in the death of Christ. The Holy Ghost sheds it abroad in my heart and peace flows as a river. He gives the apprehension of God's love, the spring of joy and the living power of glorifying Christ. The moment Peter says, "Through His name, whosoever believeth in Him, shall receive the remission of sins,"—and we know the words went into Cornelius's heart—the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. Thus we have first peace, then the ground of it, God's love and Christ's work; and then the power of enjoyment, the Holy Ghost.

Are you labouring to get peace? If so I am glad, in one sense, for you will know your need, but you will never get it so. Do you think that God would have bruised Christ to make peace, if you could make it for yourself, or even with the help of the Spirit? "To him that worketh not but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." The heart's intercourse with God is with the *God of Peace*.