

## STANDING AND STATE OF SOUL.

**I**N Ephesians i. we have our standing in Christ; this must not be weakened. There must be no turning aside from our place before God in Him. There I get to know that all I was as the old man, is for faith gone; I see that I am dead, and that my life is hid with Christ in God. (Colossians iii., 3.)

In the flesh there is no good thing; nothing but sin, will, lusts, which lead me away from God. But I believe the testimony of God, and see that Christ died, and that, by death for sins and to sin, the entire evil thing for faith is put an end to. The next step is, that, an end being put to me as the old man, Christ becomes in me the new man, and I am put in the presence of God as in Christ Himself, entitled to consider the old as done away. This is my place and standing before God. It is not only that sin is put away, but my position before Him is in consequence of this.

Nor is this the only thing; for I know that not only am I in Christ, but Christ is in me. These two things cannot be separated. The Lord Himself said, before He left the world, "At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you." He has brought me into the standing; and this we have in