

not been holding fast what God showed you, or it may be you have not been walking consistently with this place God has put you in. And then of course you do not and cannot enjoy it. For if, though you know "ye are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God," and "when Christ who is our life shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory," you seek the things below, instead of the "things above," where Christ sitteth. If "having put off the old man with his deeds," and "having put on the new man," as every true believer has, you do not "put to death your members which are on the earth," (see Colossians iii. 5 to 13.) and do not put off the old man's ways and put on the new man's ways, thus allowing the sinful flesh in you to act in some way or other, of course you cannot enjoy the place that God's grace has put you into: (for though "not in the flesh but in the Spirit," the flesh is in us, as bad and vile as ever it was,) *our enjoyment of it depends upon our walk.* We must not take the standing and acceptance we have in Christ and through His sufferings and death for us, and then expect to enjoy it, when we are not walking consistently with it. Indeed we cannot do so. But if you know that "you are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." And as He tells you to do, "*reckon yourself dead to sin, but alive unto God in Jesus Christ our Lord,*" then "*yield yourself up unto God, as one that is alive from the dead. And your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.*" "Present your body, a living (*i. e. a continual*) sac-