

it a question of yourself in these words? have you been astray?"

"Oh! yes, surely."

"And have you not also walked in your own way?"

"Yes."

"Well, listen to what God has done with your sins. He has placed them upon the Lord Jesus, for the 'us,' in the last verse refers to the same persons that 'we' does in both the previous sentences, and if so when did this take place? The apostle Peter says, 'who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree.' All our sins were then placed upon our adorable Saviour, when He was nailed to the cross. There He has borne them for us—does he still bear them?"

"No. He is now on the throne of the Father, and our sins cannot be there."

"You are right; but let us now see what He has done with them. 'As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us.' (Ps. ciii, 12). Do you know the distance of the east from the west?"

"No."

"Nor I. It is an immeasurable distance. The east and west can never meet and God has said that it is thus that He has removed our transgressions from us. Elsewhere He says, 'Thou hast cast all my sins behind Thy back, (Is. xxxviii, 17) that is to say where God neither sees, nor desires to see them.

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