

us ; because we thus judge, that if One died for all, then were all dead ; and that He died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but *unto* HIM which died for them, and rose again" (2 Cor. v.), may be practically true of us during the "little while" that He leaves us here to "occupy till I come."

We find then that He has served us on the cross, bearing the judgment of God for us and shedding His precious blood—our only title to glory.

If we turn to John xiii. we shall find a precious picture of His present service. "His hour was come that He should depart out of this world unto the Father." Was he going to cease serving them? Oh, no! Love delighting to serve, as has been said, His service is as unceasing as His love; so now "having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end;" and so "He riseth from supper and laid aside His garments and took a towel and girded Himself. After that He poureth water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel wherewith He was girded.

The reader will notice that it is water in the basin, not blood. When a person has taken his true place before God as a sinner and rested in simple faith on the work the Lord Jesus accomplished on Calvary's cross, he is "justified from all things" (Acts xiii. 39), has "peace with God" (Rom. v. 1), and is a "child of God" (Gal. iii. 26). Then comes the question of communion, which the