

weariness, are not to be used as the least warrant for this thought about the mortality of His flesh and blood. The Son of God in flesh was exposed to nothing. Nothing outside the garden of Eden was His portion. He was hungry and wearied at the well of Samaria. He slept in the ship after a day of fatiguing service. But whatever of all this He knew in the place of thorns, and thistles, and sorrow, and sweat of face, He knew it all, and took it all, only as fulfilling that 'form of a Servant' which in unspeakable grace He had assumed."

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## A CHRISTIAN.

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When we speak of a "Christian," we speak of what a Christian is in Scripture, and Scripture always speaks of him—of a believer *in any state*—as to his standing. It is very necessary to see this.

We must not confound the exercises of a Christian with the standing of a Christian. The ground of his standing is God's work. In his exercises there comes in himself—his flesh, his ignorance, and many other things, alas! may be working. But it is entirely according to God's thoughts, and not according to my thoughts, that my standing is to be judged of.

When I am thinking of these, it is my actual state that occupies me; but were God to take notice of my actual state, He must condemn me.

Whatever his exercises, however these may vary, the Christian, in one sense, is just the same, be-