

to be with Himself. Think much on Jesus—I do not mean as if you could think much in your weak state, but looking to Him—and lean on Him as a sick child lies in its mother's arms, because it has no strength, not because it can do much.

Peace be with you, dear—, and much of His presence, the true source of joy and strength. If you go a little before us, to that beloved One, it will surely not be your loss.

Your affectionate servant and brother in Christ.

“IN CHRIST”—THE BELIEVER'S STANDING.

Our place, our standing before God, is no longer in flesh. It is in Christ.

Christ, as man, has taken quite a new place to which neither Adam innocent, nor Adam sinner, had anything to say.

The best robe formed no part of the prodigal's first inheritance at all: it was in the father's possession, quite a new thing.

Christ has taken the place consequent on putting away our sins, on having glorified God as to them, and finishing the work. He has taken in righteousness, and man in Him has got, a new place in righteousness with God.

When quickened, he is quickened with the life in which Christ lives, the Second Adam, and submitting to God's righteousness, knowing that he is