

to the far side of the cross, to the shady side of Calvary," and there, alas! souls stay too long seeking to satisfy their own consciences and the demands of a holy God by doing that which will never succeed—for how can tears and prayers and a good life atone for sins?

We are now living on the "sunny side of Calvary;" God has been fully satisfied there, His Son came to die, the just One stood in the place of the unjust—of those who had *failed to love God*, and He has borne the burden and the penalty of sins, so that God can alter His proclamation now and hence we read, "*God commendeth His love toward us*, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Rom. v. 8). No longer "Thou shalt love," but "God is love;" what a change!

"Does God really love me all the time?" Was the touching question asked of one who was seeking to set forth these blessed truths. The questioner was a poor afflicted deaf-mute, who probably had been long on the "shady side" of the cross. Tears filled his eyes as his visitor gladly replied, "yes, *all the time*—He loved you in the past and gave His Son for you, He loves you now and offers you salvation, and He will love you in heaven." Do you doubt it reader? Listen, "In this was *manifested the love of God toward us*, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. Herein is love, *not that we loved God*, but that *He loved us*, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins." (I John iv. 9, 10).