

the guidance and control of the Holy Spirit. "For who among men knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the things of God none knoweth, save the Spirit of God." In His light we shall see light; without it, no searching of Scripture, of history, of philosophy, or of science, will ever enable us to find out God.

When we come to the Scriptures, recognizing our inability of ourselves to comprehend their inner meaning, and with prayer for the help of the Holy Spirit, who is promised to all that ask, we see that both the Old and the New Testament point to Christ as the crown and consummation of the whole. In Him is fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy of the child that should be born, whose name should "be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." He is the Bridegroom King, whom the Psalmist addresses in the words: "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of Thy kingdom." He is the Word, who was in the beginning with God, and who was God; by whom all things were made. This Word "became flesh and dwelt among" men, and His disciples "beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father." Yet "He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross." On that Cross He "died for our sins," and "gave Himself a ransom for all." As we contemplate the amazing love of the Father, who "sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world," and of the Son who freely laid down His life for us, our hearts may well be melted with gratitude, and flow out in love both to Him and to our fellow-men. "We love, because He first loved us."

He who thus died for us rose again, and was "declared to be the Son of God with power, by the resurrection of the dead." "If, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, shall we be saved by His life." This salvation is not only a deliverance "from the wrath to come," but also from the bondage of sin, and from a life of worldliness and self-pleasing. They who thus yield themselves to Christ will be taught of the Lord that they are not their own, but are bought with a price, and that their aim must henceforth be to glorify God by life and by word.

The reports that have come before us this year show a deepening consciousness that the work of our religious Society is not so effective for the blessing of the world around as the Lord would have it to be. We welcome this as an evidence that a sense of

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