

therefore devises a way whereby He may have them *around Himself* in an entirely new position.

He opens a way for them through the Red Sea. Their necessity is His opportunity; and He gives them a perfect and entire deliverance from all their enemies, bringing them out in triumph through the depths of the Red Sea. Thus were they not only a people sheltered from judgment, but as it were *alive from the dead*; for they had come out of what was a grave to their enemies on the new, or resurrection ground.

Has not this likewise its counterpart with us? Christ has made a channel for us to pass through the waters of judgment. He has wrought a victory over our Egyptians, our enemies; He has gone down into the depths for us, and in His grace we may see the end of our sins, the close of our transgressions. He has risen from the dead, and in Him risen, we who believe have life, eternal life; we are "alive unto God in Jesus Christ our Lord"; not only shall we "not come into condemnation," but we have "passed from death unto life." (John v. 24.) We have, through faith, life in a risen Christ—His own life.

The Israelites left the Red Sea behind them *never to return to it again*; we possess a life on the other side of death, and can never now die. Our earthly tabernacle may be dissolved; we may be absent from the body and present with the Lord; but we never can return to the condition of death from which God has saved us.

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