

## THE CROSS.

THE greatest wonder in the whole universe is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, who was God manifest in flesh and crucified and slain by wicked hands, by those who were debtors to Him for "life, and breath and all things." For a while, when dead and buried, Jesus seemed conquered. No doubt Satan and his hellish train rejoiced in their supposed victory; but wait until the third morning and the Crucified becomes the Conqueror, the mighty, glorious Conqueror! He had gotten the victory, though He had lain down His precious life; for it was only *through death* He could *destroy him* that had the power of death. (Heb. ii. 14).

But death and the grave could not hold Him. He had finished the work of redemption completely, satisfactorily, gloriously, and the Father for whom He had done the work, set His seal of approbation upon it by raising Him out from among the dead. (Rom. vi. 4). He was declared to be the Son of God with power, by the resurrection from the dead. (Rom. i. x).

"He was *delivered* for our offences, and was *raised again* for our justification." (Rom. iv. 25). "And by Him *all that believe* are justified from all things." (Act xiii. 39).

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have *peace with God* through our Lord Jesus Christ," (Rom. v. 1.)

Has the reader peace with God?