

CHRIST IN HEAVEN, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT SENT DOWN.

Acts ii. 22-36.

(Notes of a lecture.)

This passage brings very definitely before us (Christ having been exalted as man by, and to, the right hand of God) how, consequently, the disciples received the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost. This runs through all the instruction given here. The place of Christ, having finished redemption, is to sit now at the right hand of God, "expecting till His enemies be made His footstool" (Heb. x. 13). He has not yet taken His own throne; He is seated on the Father's throne. "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne" (Rev. iii. 21). Thence He will "come again," as He says in John xiv., and receive us unto Himself.

Christianity is not the accomplishment of promise. Of the earthly part the Jews were the centre. But God meanwhile "hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ" (Ephes. i. 3); and then, till Christ comes again, He is sitting on the throne of the Father, and has sent the Holy Ghost down.

The Christian is one in whom the Holy Ghost dwells, between the accomplishment of redemption by Christ and His coming again. The thought