

our mortal body. "Holy, harmless, undefiled, and separate from sinners," was His character, and this is ours. We shall find our shortcomings, no doubt ; but perfect grace has given us a place with Christ every where, and this must be held in spite of all failure. In truth, it is the recovering power of grace. The Lord gives us to believe in His love—that He has "sanctified Himself for our sakes ;" and He expects our hearts to meet and answer His own—blessed place and portion ! He sees in us morally, *even now*, the fruit of the travail of His soul.

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### DEVOTEDNESS.

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Devotedness is a much deeper, and, at the same time, a much simpler thing than many suppose. Most think that if they are earnestly engaged in the Lord's work, and looking to Him for guidance and blessing, this is being devoted ; but it is much more. It is having Christ Himself as the delight and resource of my heart, and the bent of my mind towards Him. The highest service we can render the Lord is to *serve His heart*, and that is a service to which few devote themselves. Occupation with Christ, with a view to becoming more intimately acquainted with His character ; *Studying Him*, that we may learn what pleases Him, is *very rare* indeed. Many can be found who are occupied *for* Christ, like Martha ; few who are occupied *with* Him, like Mary. When