

ed long before we had actual existence.—God saw in the blood of Christ the perfect and eternal satisfaction for all our sins, and this one sacrifice put away all our sins from the sight of God. You will say then, “If Christ thus finished the work of salvation for all who through grace shall believe, what does take place when the sinner believes? Just what took place when I looked through my glass; I saw the star I had never seen before, and I knew it to be there. Just so when the Holy Ghost reveals the salvation already finished by Christ. I know now salvation; my salvation is there, though I never knew it before. Sin was purged from before God, when Christ died and arose from the dead; this saved me; it is now purged from my conscience by faith in that blood, when God calls me. God who justified me then in my representative, Christ, now gives me, by faith, the blessed knowledge of justification in my own soul. Faith does not produce this complete salvation, but sees it to be in Christ, and *knows* it is mine on the testimony of God. “Be it known unto you, that through this man (Christ crucified and risen) is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins; and by Him ALL THAT BELIEVE ARE JUSTIFIED from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.” (Acts xiii. 38.) Do you believe what the word of God says here? I do not ask what sort of faith have you; there is only one true faith, all else is unbelief; but I ask, Do you know in power this forgiveness of sins through Christ Jesus? Do you thus *see Jesus*? If you do you have true faith as certainly as I had a good glass, when I saw the star. Oh! look nowhere but to Jesus. Is he seen? Do you believe the forgiveness through Him, not through the merit of your faith, but through Jesus? If you thus see Him, thus believe in Him, then you are justified. You say from your heart you believe in Jesus, then God says, *you are justified*. What do you make of that? Will not that give you peace? Cannot you now say, looking steadily through the glass of faith at Jesus, “Who was delivered for our offences” (hold steady and look at the cross), “and was raised again for our justification.”

Stretch out your slides, and gaze at His

glory. Oh! let faith take its utmost survey of the glory of the risen man, and as you look at Him, remember all you see is yours, as certainly as you see Him by faith—all, all is yours. The peace of Jesus is yours; yours for ever. Can there be condemnation laid on Him now? Never. And you are justified with Him; sanctified with Him; what shall I say? for ever blest with Him. Now do not let the glass shake with doubts and fears. Look again on His cross and resurrection. Cannot you now say, with holy confidence, “Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” If you do not thus see Jesus, and know that *you are justified*, and *have peace* with God, then, I beg, do not pretend to have the true faith. There are many in this day who do not know Jesus at all; who do not know that they are justified; who do not know anything, in fact, and yet say they have the only true faith.

If my reader is one of these, wilt thou tell me how it is, that all who did believe in the days of the Apostles knew they were justified, and had peace with God; whilst thou sayest thou art a believer, and yet thou neither knowest that thou art justified, nor that thou hast peace with God? May God reveal His Son to thee, so that *being justified* and *having peace* with God, thy whole being, body, soul, and spirit, may be cheerfully devoted to His service of love.

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## THE WINE CUP AND THE OCEAN.

The Germans have a proverb which runs thus, “More are drowned in the wine cup than in the ocean.” Although the saying is strikingly paradoxical, yet the contrast is so complete, between the literal wine cup which would scarcely drown a fly, and the vast ocean, the

“Symbol of a drear immensity,” which in its billowy depths has swallowed many a gallant bark with all its living freight, that the proverb, so pnt, lays hold of the imagination and leaves the impress there which reason would endeavour to erase. We appreciate the subtle conception none the less that it would elude the grasp; nor would we willingly abate its force while we bear testimony to the wisdom which it breathes. It is not alone in the miserable creatures—outcasts as it were of society, whom no one cares for—that are left to die in solitude amid the cold