

ACCEPTED IN THE BELOVED
AND
ONE SPIRIT WITH THE LORD.

Fellow-believer, do you know in your soul, as taught of God from His word, the above two blessings that are ours through grace.

Look up into the heavens, look up at the man in the glory, the accepted man at God's right hand, for that is where Jesus is now. And then hear the words of the Holy Ghost, the words of God, saying to you (in Ephesians i. verse 6) "He hath made us *accepted in the Beloved*," and just let your soul take it in. For that is how, "to the praise of the glory of His grace," He, the God of all grace, looks at you and me, as to our acceptance. Oh, what rest, what joy, what peace, to know this? Yes, "As He is, so are we in this world." (1 John iv. 17.) What a perfect standing God's perfect love has given us. But you ask, perhaps, "What about what I am in myself? I find that the more I go on, the more I learn that 'in me, that is in my flesh dwells no good thing.' What about that?" Listen again to the written word. "*I am crucified with Christ.*" (Galatians ii. 20.) "Knowing this, that *our old man is crucified with Him.*" (Romans vi. 6.)

"For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son, in the likeness of sinful flesh, and *by a sacrifice for sin, condemned sin in the flesh*, (as well as judged sins) (Romans viii. 3.) And now, though it is actually