

reckoning, so that the need of the conscience was not met. But when Christ offered Himself, it was a sacrifice of infinite and eternal value. It availed forever, and continuously, so that the one who availed himself of its efficacy through faith was perfected forever—perfected in perpetuity. The abiding efficacy of the sacrifice gives him this position before God, which never changes, and which is never for a moment interrupted. And thus God can say by the Holy Ghost, "Their sins and iniquities will I remember no more." (Heb. x. 14. 17.) Under the law, sins were remembered every year; now, for the believer, they are remembered no more. God never raises the question, because it was raised once for all with Christ at the cross, and settled definitely and eternally for all who believe. And thus the believer's conscience is purged, so that he can stand in God's presence, in the light of His infinite holiness, in perfect acceptance and without fear. It is abiding peace and rest for the conscience that was once tormented by the thought of that infinite holiness and inflexible righteousness.

Rom. iv. 7. 8. also confirms this blessed truth. Three things are there mentioned, all founded on the propitiatory work of chap. iii. 25, (1) iniquities forgiven, (2) sins covered, (3) no imputation of sin henceforth to the believer. God has been glorified in the death of Jesus, and on