

suffer with him we shall also reign with him. In Tim. 2. 11, 12. Those who believe the gospel are dead to the law, and dead to sin, through faith in Christ Jesus; and all such shall be raised with him at the last day.

This cheers the souls, and animates the hopes of the people of God. If they had no hope of being with Christ beyond the grave they would be of all men the most miserable—but they know from the most undoubted testimony, that Jesus has arisen, and that God hath appointed a day wherein they all shall hear his voice and go forth to the resurrection of life. They look for the day when they shall be raised incorruptible from the grave, with glorified bodies, like the glorified body of their head.

In these points of view, then, the resurrection of Jesus Christ is glad tidings of great joy. What can give greater joy to a poor condemned sinner than the certainty that after Jesus had died for his sins, he arose from the dead as a proof of his glorious character as the Son of God—as a proof that all his obedience and sufferings are fully approved by the Father—and as a sure pledge of the future resurrection of all his people to eternal life? Nothing can prove equal gospel. Thus, "Christ died for our sins, and rose again for our justification.

4. I shall now notice one thing more as included in the gospel, viz. the tidings of Christ's second coming to judge the world, and to receive his people to himself, and place them at God's right hand in heavenly places.

When the Lord Jesus Christ had called his disciples together to eat the last passover with them, and to establish the Lord's supper in its stead, he addressed them in these endearing words, "John 14. 1. Let not your hearts be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you; and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." Hence the gospel teaches the people of God to look for the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Tit. 2. 13. Rev. 22. 12, 17, 20. If in this life only believers had hope in Christ they must be of all men the most miserable; for here they cannot take comfort in the things of time and sense as their chief good—and they are harrassed, tempted, persecuted; made as the filth of the earth, and the offscouring of all things. Sin and Satan are at constant war with them.—They have to fight, wrestle, strive &c. against the world, the devil, and the flesh. But Jesus and his Apostles bring the good news of eternal life to their ears. The record of God is, "that he giveth his people eternal life through his Son." 1 John 5. 11. Jesus has ascended on high to prepare a place for them, and he comes again to take them