

our sins and accepts us as righteous in His sight for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ;¹ that it is received, not because of our works, but of our acceptance of God's mercy in Christ Jesus;² that through faith in Him and His atoning blood, the guilt of sin is taken away, and we stand reconciled to God.³

We believe that in connection with Justification is Regeneration; that being reconciled to God by the death of His Son, we are saved by His life,⁴ a new heart is given and new desires, old things are passed away, and we become children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.⁵ Sanctification, or being made holy, is experienced in connection with justification in so far that every pardoned sinner, on account of faith in Christ, is clothed with a measure of His righteousness and receives the promised Holy Spirit.⁶

The provisions of God's grace are sufficient to deliver from the power of evil⁷ as well as from the guilt of sin, and to enable His believing children always to triumph in Christ.⁸ 'This is to be experienced by faith: "according to your faith be it unto you."⁹ Whoever submits himself wholly to God, believing His promises, and exercises faith in Christ Jesus, will have his heart continually cleansed from all sin by His precious blood,¹⁰ and through the renewing, refining power of the Holy

¹ Rom. v. 1.

² Titus iii. 5.

³ Colos. i. 19, 20.

Rom. v. 10.

⁵ Ezek. xxxvi. 25-27.

⁶ 1 Cor. vi. 11.

⁷ John xvii. 15.

2 Cor. ii. 14.

⁹ Matt. ix. 29.

¹⁰ 1 John i. 7.