

is neither the one nor the other ; but he is brought in peace, by the grace of God, unto God. He endures, not because God sees him, but because he sees God. He endures "as seeing Him who is invisible." He endures, he knows God in Christ, he has rest in His presence, for he knows Him whom He has sent, and "herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins." This is what He has done and what law could not do, for it has no propitiation to give. It may demand, but it has nothing to give ; it waits to receive, and it receives the deeds, alas ! of darkness, of fear, of feebleness ; it can only receive whatever poor man's conscience may offer, trying to make his peace with God. But grace makes the peace by a gift of His own love, gives the peace that it has made through the blood of Christ's cross, and brings into the consciousness of the love of Him who has suffered all for us. And therefore, instead of our being afraid of Him and avoiding Him, instead of its being a sort of guess-like way of wondering, doubting where it may end, fearing what it may bring, *endurance* is the word for us.

This is the portion of the Christian, this is what characterizes him. It is enduring "as seeing Him who is invisible." We know in Whom we have believed ; we know that we have eternal life. "We know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know Him