

made sin for us. All my sins are therefore entirely gone : He bore them all on the cross, and went down under the power of death, and rose again without them. Has death any more power over Him ? No, for He is risen in the power of an endless life. But still He has been there on account of our sins, and has entirely put away the sins that took Him there, having risen without them. What then can there be between me and God which Christ has not entirely put away ? Nothing. Seeing then that Christ has so completely acted out this condition before God, death is no longer death to me ; it has lost its power and its terror too ; for now death to me is simply " departing to be with Christ " (Phil. i. 23). It is to be " absent from the body, present with the Lord " (2 Cor. v. 8) ; it is but the getting rid of a mortal body.

The power of the resurrection is distinctive ; and it is of great importance to see this. God's eye rested on the blessed One who had glorified Him about man's sin ; so that He takes Him from amongst the dead up to Himself. We see a whole course of sin had gone on to the full accomplishment even of putting God's Son to death on the cross. But over all this evil Christ gained so complete a victory, and so thoroughly glorified every attribute of God about man's sin, that God's eye rested on this blessed and righteous One with complete satisfaction. And thus, as He said, was the world convinced of righteousness, " because I