

were not in the condition of sons, "The heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all" (ver. 1). "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father" (ver. 6). That had not been the case before ; they had been ordered to do this and that under the law.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a corn of wheat falleth into the ground and die, it abideth alone ; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit" (John xii. 24). He was totally alone, a true man in His relationship with God ; even when He declared His Father's name to His disciples, they did not understand a bit of it. Then you see redemption brings us into this place.

Let me turn back to the basis of all this. Here I am a child of Adam, with an evil nature and sins ; Christ bore my sins, and that is al' perfectly settled for ever—if it is not, it never can be ; but it is "once for all," and "for ever" (Heb. x. 10 and 14) ; there is no other application as regards the putting away of my sins in God's sight. He does not impute them for the simple blessed reason that Christ has borne them, and He is sitting at the right hand of God, because it is done. Many a true honest soul sees only past sins put away, but what about sinning afterwards ? Go to some, and they will send you back to your baptism, while others go back to the blood. "For the law, having a shadow of good things to come, . . . can never with those sacrifices which they offered year