

in Whom God delights that are set before us, but rather what certain ones have attained above the merely justified ones, something which is unknown to Scripture. Not a single writer or speaker in the Epistles tells us that he was sanctified at such a time, or that he has lived so long without sin.

There are two ways in which men look at the work of Christ for us, and they are so different that only one can be the true one. We may put it in this way, Does God look at the believer just as he is in himself, or does He look at him in Christ? Does one who is saved stand before God according to the value of his own holiness and righteousness, or does he stand in the full value of Christ's righteousness?

Scripture states many things to be true of every saved person. To learn clearly just what God says is the portion of those who are saved is one of the greatest of helps. Very few realize the full force of the word **SAVED**. What does it mean? Scripture gives us the answer. While we find many teaching that saved people need a "second blessing" to make them holy; but when we turn to the Word we find all believers assured that they are holy, are sanctified. Take the third of 1 Corinthians. It is not addressed to a few advanced believers, but to all who are saved in Corinth, and the truths brought out therein by the Holy Spirit apply to "all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours." They are told that they are "carnal and walk as men."—Plainly they were not entirely sanctified according to the modern teach-

ings. But soon we find the Spirit telling them that they are holy. "For the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."

Note three things said of the Corinthians, 1, They are in Christ. 2, They walked as men. 3, They were holy. Let us look up some of the blessings God gives to every one who is in Christ. Turn to Eph. ii. 5, 6. Here we find that the believer is quickened together with Christ, raised up together, made to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. It does not say God will do this, but it is "hath," it is a completed work. It is what God tells us He has done—for whom? Wholly sanctified ones? For those and those only who have received the "second blessing?"—No, these things, wonderful as they are, are said of all the saved, see v. 8. It is of the "saved" the Spirit says these great things, not of a certain class who have made great attainments.

Of course it does not mean that the saved are now actually taken up into heaven, but it is theirs in Christ. He has been quickened, raised up, is seated in the heavenlies, and when a sinner believes on the Lord Jesus Christ, God places him in the full value of Christ's death and resurrection; the saved sinner is looked upon by God as quickened, raised up, and seated with Christ. This is the plain teaching of God's Word.

Let us turn to another portion, Col. iii. 1, 3. Here we get risen with Christ, and then another great truth, "ye are dead," or more accurately as in the Revised Version, "ye died." Note here that the ones the Spirit of God is addressing as those