

"Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?" And in response to Saul's question, "Who art Thou, Lord?" replied, "I am *Jesus Whom Thou Persecutest*". (Acts 9:4-5).

It is out of such a thought as this that Paul makes his great appeal: "If then ye were raised together with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated on the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things that are above, not on the things that are upon the earth. For ye died", (that is, when Christ, your substitute, died, you thus died)," and *Your Life is Hid With Christ in God*. When *Christ, Who is Our Life*, shall be manifested, then shall ye also *With Him* be manifested in glory". (Col. 3:1-4). Thus the life of Christ and the life of His believing people are so interwoven together, that when His people are persecuted or wounded, He suffers; and our lives are so "hid with Christ in God" that when "Christ Who is our life shall be manifested", then shall we also "with Him be manifested in glory". It is because of this close, this vital union that binds Christ and His people into one living Head and body, one Vine and its branches, that we find no place for any Head to the Church but Jesus Himself, no Priest for His people but the high Priesthood of our Lord. For to the heart that loves Christ fully, none can come so close as He; and with the Apostle Paul we cry, "Christ is all, and in all". (Col. 3:11).

Wherever I lift my eyes in the universe, I see my Lord. Wherever I scan the page of Revelation