

is to get a sight of Him and to have brought into our heart an understanding in Him that is true; an understanding, not an opinion, that is a very different thing; the world have their opinions in regard to religion, we can have an opinion without any understanding; but the great thing is to have an understanding enlightened by the Spirit of God of the glorious mystery of the Person of Christ. As that revelation is given then the heart will be turned to Him, the affections fixed upon Him. He becomes all and in all. It brings us to that place "where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcisor nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free; but Christ is all, and in all."

There is something beside this when putting Him on and that is confidence in Him. We shall never put Him on in the exercise of faith unless we have this confidence and that can be a very special point felt in your soul sometimes for a few minutes. It is very confirming and brings a wonderful rest. It is sweet to be coming up from the wilderness leaning upon your beloved, to have your affections set on things above and not on things on the earth, to feel Him to be your beloved, to be enabled to commit all things to Him as your beloved, to be enabled to cast your burden on Him as your beloved, and to be able to say, "My beloved is mine and I am His". O the rest it brings! "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee".

Another thing involved in putting Him on is obedience to Him, that is to His Word and laws, commandments and ordinances. Evidently the putting Him on here is by owning Him, denying ourselves and taking up the cross and following Him as we were singing; to render obedience to His Word and laws; to take up the cross and despise the shame; to follow Him in faith and love; to have Him before our eye; to have an eye that is single in all that we do, with a desire for His honour and glory and the furtherance of the Gospel; He is worthy. "Them that honour Me I will honour". Here is the injunction, not to be taken lightly, not to be turned away

from. Putting on the Lord Jesus Christ will entail suffering for His sake; putting Him on may mean a heavy path, a burdensome cross, a trial of faith; but all is in the Lord's blessed hands. Moreover He is a prayer-answering Jesus and is able to do for His dear people all they need. Mountains often rise before us; but mountains are nothing to Him; He is above them all. O may He continually give us this grace, this faith, in this respect, although there is a putting Him on once in His ordinances. May we have grace to put Him on in the sense of walking before Him, honouring Him and rendering gracious obedience to His Word and ways. Amen

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