

that we are crucified away from that which is wrong in our lives, ~~but~~ - as (unclear)
 Christ's crucifixion is - we are given the benefits of it - but ~~also~~ also that
 we have a fellowship in His ~~f~~ sufferings, and that He uses us in some way to
 advance His purposes in the world. If we truly belong to Christ, everything in
 our lives is under God's direction, and we can rejoice when we ~~enjoy~~ enjoy
 something of experiencing the fellowship of the sufferings of ~~Christ~~ ~~Christ~~ Christ
 I had a letter from a man not so long ago who had been quite active in a group
 of Christians. And then ~~the~~ he thought he became disillusioned, and he decided
 there were many things they did that he didn't like, and he wrote me just a ~~he~~
 brief word on a Christmas card, but he said he ~~got-an-entirely-different-view~~
 had gone with an entirely different group,
 and oh, he said, "It is wonderful to be with people who are so refreshingly
 Christian." And I was inclined to send him a note and say ~~that I was glad~~ I thought it was wonderful too
 that he was having such a happy experience, but I, being quite a bit ~~he~~ older than
 he is, can assure him that wherever he goes he'll find that people are still
 human, wherever you go. And when you join with a new group of Christians
 you haven't been with before, you see the wonderful qualities in their lives
 and have the glorious fellowship, and it ~~is~~ perfectly grand how refreshingly
 Christian they are. But when you are with them long enough to begin to see
 below the surface, and begin to see some of the disagreements and the different
 viewpoints, and different attitudes, and ~~begin to see~~ some of the ~~criticisms~~ criticisms
 of one another, and while some are very busy ~~to~~ trying to advance the work of
 God, others are standing on the sidelines picking little points (?) flaws(?)
 in them and trying to criticize them. And when you observe this a little bit,
 you decide, maybe you'd better move on to another group to find what is
 refreshingly Christian. But we find our joy, if we are Christians, not in
 other Christians, but in the Lord Jesus Christ. The standard of ~~Christ~~ Christians
 is way above the standard of the world. And through our lives we will get
 great blessing from the contact with Christians, but we will find they differ
 among themselves just as much as people of the world do, and we will find that
 they all come very, very far short of the standards that Christ has set before