

us which we will reach in His wonderful time, but hardly in this life.

Sometimes I think of it, that the wicked person of the earth ~~is~~ is about as far above actual(?) (unclear) wickedness as the bottom of this platform perhaps, and the rest of us are maybe 4 inches higher up than that, and we can look way down on him, but if we want to look up at God's standard of righteousness, it's way up there. And most of us - we look down (unclear) and say, "Isn't it wonderful? I'm so far above him; I'm so much better than he is." But then we look at other Christians ~~who~~ <sup>are maybe</sup> five inches above us, and instead of comparing them with ourselves we ~~compare~~ compare them with the ceiling. And we ~~say~~ say, "Oh, look at the faults in them!" God wants us to judge ourselves most mercilessly, to see the faults in ourselves, and to seek the power of His resurrection to remedy ~~it~~ <sup>them</sup>. But He wants us to look at other ~~Christians~~ Christians, and if they truly believe in Christ, to try to have some of the fellowship ~~of~~ of the sufferings of Christ, and see how we can be helpful to them, and how we can help them to grow, rather than criticizing them or accusing them of not having reached the standard up there that we may imagine we have reached, but in God's sight we certainly haven't.

A man said something to me a few years ago that shocked me terribly. I couldn't quite believe that this was a general psychological thing. He said, "You know," he said, "when you hear somebody criticizing people - or criticizing things a lot, you usually find they're the very things he's guilty of himself." And I couldn't quite believe that. It just doesn't sound right. Think of the things I don't like in others. I wouldn't be guilty of those things. But, having had the suggestion made, I began to notice. And I've been amazed how often the things that irritate me most in others are the very things I'm guilty of myself. And it <sup>just</sup> has opened my eyes to the fact that how difficult it is for us to see ourselves as we really are. How difficult it is. But God sees us as we really are. And He wants us to learn to know Christ, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His suffering. He wants us