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- 1. As a prominent object of the publication of the Expositor is to obtain and procure a correct knowledge of the Scriptures, and as it is open to the free investigation of all Bible doctrines—

EXPOSITION OF ROMANS.

(Continued.)

CHAPTER VI. 8-14.

Verse 8. 'Now if we be dead with Christ,' To be dead with Christ, as the apostle has previously stated, is to be dead to sin, and being thus dead,

Verse 9. 'Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead, dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.' The resurrection of Christ is a sure pledge to his faithful children that they shall be raised to life also.

Verse 10. 'For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.' If we would therefore live with him, we must fully and finally die unto sin, and live unto God;

Verse 11. 'Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin.' Count yourselves in this condition, and live accordingly.

not for a moment until you know that you are not only dead unto sin.

But alive unto God.] Fully dedicated to his will. See that sin has no dominion over you, or demand on your services, but that you are as unreservedly given up to serve God, as Christ now is really with God, or lives to him.

Verse 12. 'Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body.' Sin is here personated and represented as a reigning tyrant over his submissive subjects.

Verse 13. 'Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin;'] We should not aid the cause of sin in any of its countless forms, either directly or indirectly, by word or deed.

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PRE-EXISTENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.

REPLY BY BRO. GREW.

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"Who was in the beginning with God." Bro. M. argues that if this passage proves the personal pre-existence of Jesus Christ, the expression, "the Word was God," with verse 14 will "also prove that Jesus Christ is the eternal God."

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it is equally true that by his Son "he made the worlds;" as Heb. i. 1, 2, plainly and positively declares. We may as well argue, that because it is written that the Lord made the heavens &c., by his word, he did not garnish them by his Spirit, as to argue that he did not make all things by his Son, who is the "One Lord by whom are all things,"—1 Cor. viii. 6.

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reads, 'the Word was made flesh.'

Bro. G. teaches that 'the world was made' by Jesus Christ, but the Bible and facts plainly declare that 'all things were made by the word of the Lord, and that Jesus Christ was born of Mary about four thousand years after the world was made.'

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will reign with him over the earth, which will be full of the glory of God. This is the glory for which Christ prayed. And the kingdom, in which it will be witnessed was "prepared for" Christ and his saints 'before the foundation of the world.'

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