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One was effected previously on earth, by patience.  
We have had the first described. This introduces  
the features of the second.  
This Child existed on earth, ere it was born in resur-  
rection. There it lived, and was slain. To the Church  
it is given to wrestle spiritually even now with princi-  
palities and powers in heaven. Eph. vi. 12. This is  
the consummation of that contest, decided on their  
behalf.  
Among the overcomers here must be. found the con-  
querors of the Church of Christ. iii, 10. It is the  
blessed result of the prayer to be “‘ accounted worthy to  
escape the things that are coming to pass” (Luke xxi.  
36; 2 Thess. ii. 1, 2).  
In the grounds of their victory we see the points  
against which the pleas of the Accuser were directed.  
(1) Their offences against God were specified by  
Satan. Against those is set “the blood of the Lamb.”  
They rest on the atonement provided, and by that they  
are able to worship and to serve God actively, as those  
cleansed from dead works. They are not perfect,  
though they overcome. Since many of these are  
martyrs, it was quite requisite to show that their  
victory was not meritoriously due to their own work  
or blood. How soon did this truth fail in the early  
days of Christianity !  
(2) Satan again accuses the saints, too, as not believing  
the word of God, and as flinching from the assertion of  
unpopular doctrine. His affirmations are proved untrue,  
for they credit and uphold in public the truths com-  
mitted to them. Not only have they secret faith, but  
open. profession. The keepers of Christ’s word of  
patience are delivered out of the hour of temptation, as  
He promised. The abiding in the word of -God is also  
the overcoming of the Wicked One. 1 John ii. 14.  
The Greeks and the Sacred Scriptures use one word