

Him who hath loved us," "Being able to do all things through Christ, who strengtheneth us," being "Complete in Him," which, when it is a practical reality, is a grand reality indeed. "Being reckoned dead indeed unto sin and alive unto God through Jesus Christ, our Lord," "Dwelling in God and God in us." In fact almost the whole of the two epistles of St. John have to be ignored or frittered away to meet the experience of the great mass of professing Christians of this day, as well as great portions of the word of God in other places—they are literally inapplicable to the majority of modern Christians. Everybody feels it, and the awful part of it is that instead of these Christians saying, "This is the standard, here is the glorious privilege, here is the grand truth, I do not come up to it, my experience does not match it, I have no faith to stretch myself to this measure, but I will never pull down the standard, though it damns me." They say, "Oh! it can't mean what it says;" and so they begin to cut away at the very foundation of God, and take off the most glorious top stone which He has put on the temple of grace—sanctification, holiness complete, and unreserved consecration to God. Now, I say, when you find that class of passages which refers to the lower walks of experience quoted, held up, exhibited, and enforced, as though they covered the whole realm of Christian experience, to the utter neglect and rejection of the other class, what becomes your duty as an individual wanting to know the will of God in order that you may do it? I say it becomes your duty to examine carefully this word for yourselves, and not to take this person's or the other person's opinions, but to ask God, by His holy Spirit, to teach you the meaning of this higher class of passages, determining that whatever it costs you, though it should be friends, church associations, reputation, money, ease, comfort, all you have in this world, if He will show to you that this salvation is for you, you will have it.

When you come to *that*, you will not be able to read a page of the New Testament without seeing holiness in almost every sentence. The Holy Spirit will show it to you and if you miss it, it won't be for want of light; it will be because you are too idle to seek it.

The Lord showed me this early in my Christian experience, and I resolved to seek it for myself. My innate perceptions told me God must delight in holiness, that the gospel scheme was not merely a scheme for atonement, but a scheme for *restoration*, and I knew that the chief difficulty in my way was in my *heart*, therefore I felt it must be God's plan to restore my heart, for that is the spring and inspiration of my moral being; and I searched the word of God carefully, and besought Him to show me, saying, "If Thou hast provided this salvation, if there never was another person entered into it on earth, I will try, and I will follow if Thou wilt lead." If you will come to that, God will reveal it unto you.

This is just the condition you must come to. "The whole Bible," as a gentleman said to me the other day, "beams with light now." Of course it does, *because you have got hold of the key*. You know it is