

the Holy Ghost, influence is a -because when him prays for Scriptures in, for instance, ans. In the Paul addresses "assanctified thanks God ere enriched yony of Christ These words the Apostle l, of course, th which he ree requests of our Lord God, and the st, be with , we think, It means, you, my hrist, more

of the love of God, more of the Spirit's communion, and if this be so. St. Paul prayed for more of the Spirit for those who were already enriched by Christ."

But there is one general answer to this assertion. There are certain Christian gifts or graces which proceed from the Spirit, love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith (Gal. v., 22.) Now when St. Paul prays that "the love of the Philippian Christians may "abound¹ more and more" (Phil. i., 9) and that the Christians at Colosse might receive "more wisdom, and spiritual understanding (Col. i., 9), and that the Lord might make the Thessalonian Christians," to increase and abound in love one towards another" (1 Thess., 3—12), these are practically prayers not only for more of the Spirit, but to the Spirit. The Brethren may not make such prayers. They may teach, that in making them we approach the border land of blasphemy, but we feel little anxiety about