

# *The Way of Holiness*

## *Made Plain is Finished.*

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### **My Own First Call or My Sanctification Explained.**

“I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.” Rev. XXII, 13.

In the year 1871 God sanctified me while on a bed of affliction, throughout body, soul and spirit, and at the same time made a promise to me that He would raise me up to preach sanctification to the world. But the meaning of this great promise was very dark to me, and I, having an infant son, thought it was he whom God meant. I entirely misunderstood the import of the voice of the Spirit which was in this form: “I sanctified thee at his birth to preach sanctification to the world.” I supposed that God had sanctified me to train my son so that he would be adapted to preach, for I never had a thought of doing any public work for God. I was so sure of this that, when the babe was cold in death, I could not believe it until I had him brought to my bedside, when I was forced to say, “Ah, he is dead!”

This was during the ministry of the Rev. Chas. Fish, who labored faithfully while on this circuit to save precious souls, and who was especially earnest in urging believers to seek after the blessing of entire sanctification. Although I had very little opportunity of conversing with him on the grand doctrines of the Bible, yet I listened to it in most of his sermons, which were manna to my soul. After he had gone away I often wished that