

after having been made partakers of it, if we would persevere in the divine life, if we would overcome, and finally receive the Crown of life, we must be strengthened with might in the inner man by the influence of the Holy Spirit—we must put on the whole armour of God, using the means of grace, and sensible of our own weakness, and that in our flesh dwells no good thing; we must continually seek and enjoy the promised aid of the Holy Spirit, and no truth is more consoling, or more certain than that as “*children of God by faith in Christ Jesus*, (Gal. 3. 26.)—believers, are exhorted and encouraged to ask “*their heavenly Father, for his Holy Spirit*”—Luke xi. 1. 13.—And that “*because they are sons God sends forth the Spirit of his Son into their hearts.*” (Gal. iv. 6.)—There is not any intimation in the whole bible of the Spirit (“whom the world cannot receive”) being promised, or being given to an unbeliever; to create faith.—The Gentiles were made obedient to the gosp.^l by the words of the spirit and by the deeds of the spirit which they heard and saw. Rom. xv. 18, 19.—The Gospel is made known to all nations for the *obedience of faith*—Rom. xvi. 26—but all the promises and spiritual blessings connected with it are *only in Christ*; yea and amen. Sinners must be in Christ (believers) before they can even desire, much less expect them. “The blessing of Abraham came on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ, that they might receive the promise of the Spirit *through faith*”—(Gal. iii. 14.) “The Spirit is given to them that obey him”—(Acts v. 32.) The Ephesians trusted in the Lord *after* that they “heard the word of truth the gospel of their salvation” “in whom also *after that they believed*, they were sealed with *that holy Spirit of Promise*”—Ephes. i. 13. John vii. 39.

To serve God aright then, believers need the Spirit of God continually, that the love of God may be renewedly shed abroad in their hearts. All grace, all truth, all divine motives, and all heavenly influences, by which the power of sin may be destroyed, are by the Spirit of God. May we be sanctified by the truth, and may God give us more and more of his good Spirit, that we may be filled with his influence in our souls, and exhibit the fruits of the Spirit in our temper and lives—may we never grieve the Holy Spirit, so that he should depart from us and leave us to ourselves. May we be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last times.

SIXTHLY. *The Resurrection will destroy the punishment of Sin.* The five preceding heads, present a perfect remedy for all our sins in this life—for our *present salvation*. By faith the love of sin is destroyed; by repentance the practice, by baptism the state, by pardon the guilt; and by the Holy Spirit the power. The divinely appointed means for receiving our salvation, are faith, repentance, baptism, and a continuance in well doing. With these are connected blessed promises and privileges, Pardon, Holy Spirit, and Eternal life—Believers have God as their Heavenly Father to give them every needed aid and succour—to work in them here to will and to do of his good pleasure, and persevering to the end to make them more than conquerors, and at last to raise their bodies from the grave. To