

Jesus Christ, and to feel that "the Blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin," yet if it is meant to convey the notion that we are safe, do what we may, that it is impossible to be cast out after once having sought and found pardon, we may well object to it as a dangerous and false doctrine. Better, far better, to adopt the Church's teaching upon this subject, which gives confidence and yet produces humility and watchfulness.

Baptism brings us into a state of salvation—makes us "members of Christ, children of God, and inheritors of the kingdom of Heaven"—places us in a state wherein we may be, and most assuredly will be, saved if we hold fast to God and continue to have faith in Christ. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is the spiritual food which Christ gives to strengthen and refresh our souls, and to keep us strong to serve God acceptably. If we then come to Him day by day and use the means of grace, no power in earth or hell can pluck us out of His Father's hands; and we may well hope on to the end. But let us not neglect our duties and arrogantly pride ourselves on being among the elect. "Let us be not high-minded, but fear." "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

STONES FOR THE TEMPLE.

When the temple at Jerusalem was being built, no sound of workman's tool was heard near. Each stone was shaped elsewhere, and only needed to be put into the place which was ready for it. So the great building rose up in its glorious beauty; All the parts

were perfected, and as they were brought to join those built in before them, they helped to fulfil the great plan of the Divine Architect.

In the Jerusalem above there shall be a temple finished one day which shall stand forever. It shall be a spiritual temple, built of living stones. In it God shall dwell and be adored. How great the glory of those chosen and made worthy to have a place in it! We all hope for the rest and delight of which God speaks to us in this figure, as in so many others. We all shrink from the thought of our being cast away with what is unfit to be worked into God's design. Let us learn a lesson from the way in which the temple made with hands was built.

Heaven is not the place for shaping, but for putting what is already shaped in the proper place awaiting it. Here is God's workshop; now is our time to be prepared for heaven. This life, with all its cares and joys and temptations and means of grace is intended to form us after God's will. In the Church on earth we take our character; in the Church above it shall be shown. God gives us each a place in the Church now; to fill that well is the preparation for a place in the Church hereafter.

How many are there who never think of this! They hope to be given a place of rest and glory in heaven; they are little careful, or not careful at all, to be living stones, doing God's will and showing forth His glory on earth. They rest on no firm foundation. They take no pains to be sure that they are not parted from Christ, the one Corner Stone of the spiritual building. Nothing rests on them, or is upheld or strengthened by