

mise ; the ground and basis upon which every spiritual blessing is conferred ; viz—the *promise of the free, full, and everlasting pardon of sin* to every true believer. It is now our happiness to know, that “there is no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus ;”* that “being justified by faith we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ ;”† to hear the voice of a gracious God declaring to every believing soul, “your sins and your iniquities will I remember no more.”‡ “I, even I, am He that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.”§

There is the *promise of converting grace*. To the pardoned soul, God pledges himself to give more. “A new heart will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you : and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.”||

There is the *promise of strengthening grace*. Hear the voice of Jesus declaring “my grace is sufficient for thee.”¶ Hear the voice of his inspired servant, assuring you, that “God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able ; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.”**

There is the *promise of divine teaching and guidance*. Mark the *source* of it. “Good and upright is the Lord : therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.”†† Mark the *extent* of it. “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not ; and it shall be given him.”‡‡ Mark the *terms* of it. “If any man will do his will he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God.”§§ Mark the *Agent* in accomplishing it. “When He the spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth.”|||

* Rom. 8. 1.
|| Ezek. 36. 26.
‡‡ James 1. 5.

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¶ 2 Cor. 12. 9.
§§ John 7. 17.

‡ Heb. 8. 12.
** 1 Cor. 10. 13.
||| John 16. 13.

§ Isai. 43. 25.
†† Psal. 25. 8.