

truthfulness, the profound reality of one's piety, rather than to his absolute freedom from sin and fault.

The idea of the life thus held up for our consideration, is that of a possession of the essential principles of Christian righteousness, in conscious integrity of purpose, and in progressive development. He who can be thus commended, is one who lives by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. This is the foundation of his character. He has no disposition to depend on his own merits or attainments. He has no plea of righteousness to offer, save by his appropriation of the Redeemer's perfect work for sinners. From first to last, in this relation, his hopes depend on Christ, "who of God is made unto us, wisdom and righteousness, sanctification and redemption."

But further, with this simplicity of faith, there is combined in such a character, a full and hearty purpose to be governed by Christ's laws and spirit, as well as saved by His grace, and thus to the "perfection" which belongs to him in his relations to the law of God, through his dependence on the righteousness of Christ, he adds the "uprightness" which walks before the world, in the conscientious discharge of every duty and in