

remembers his sin with shame and humiliation ; and his comfort is, that before God sin repented of is sin forgiven ; that if we confess our sins, we are assured our Heavenly Father is "faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness ;" that "if any man sin we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the Righteous ;" and that he is the propitiation for our sins ; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. In dealing with such cases, St. Paul gave this direction : "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye who are spiritual restore such a one in the spirit of meekness ; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."

While absolute perfection of conduct or character may not be attained or attainable by any person in this life, experience has shown that none can really believe the doctrines which Christ taught, and in any degree really love Him, the God-man, the Divine Messenger of Love, without being in some measure influenced by their faith in Him, and manifesting in their lives and character something of the Christian spirit. Love to God and to Christ the Son, begets likeness to the character which God approves and Christ exemplified ; and, though a Christian may not be perfect, his efforts are in the direction of perfection. It is a matter of