

shed abroad in the human heart, and displayed in every act of our lives, towards our fellow men.

Is it love? It displays itself in a peculiar manner towards God, who as our Father in Heaven takes care of our souls, and provides for the wants of our bodies, defends us from the dangers to which we are constantly liable, and forgives us for His Son's sake, the manifold transgressions we have committed against Him.

We shew this love towards our Saviour, who died for us, and who by His blood has reconciled us to His Father, and washed away all our guilty stains.

We have by it sweet communion and fellowship with the Holy Ghost, to whose dictates we listen, over whose precepts we ponder, and by whose gracious assistance we are enabled manfully to enter the lists against the world, the flesh, and the devil; and whose sanctifying influences render us more than conquerors through the blood of Him who loved us.

Is it peace? Free from the fear and consequences of sin, assured of our interest in the Saviour's blood, and of His love towards us, we have quiet minds, and peaceful consciences, free from the distracting cares of this life, which otherwise would press more heavily than man could bear, knowing that we are in God's hand, and trusting to His bounteous Providence, in every trying hour; and fully assured of His kind guardian hand being extended over us, to shield us from every foe, from every adversity, we shall evidence another fruit of the Spirit, joy—joy produced by the delightful thought of freedom from sin, death, and hell, by the experience of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and communion with the Holy Ghost; and in anticipation of an eternity of bliss, our joy will be unspeakable and full of glory.

Charity refines the tempers and passions, it renders the slothful diligent, the drunkard temperate, the usurious and extortioner merciful and just, the stealer a worker with his own hands, the Sabbath breaker an attendant on God's house, it causes the swearer and blasphemer to use Godly, pious, and serious language; it makes the prayerless man prayerful, the mere professor a true christian, the disobedient child dutiful and submissive, bad husbands and wives patterns of conjugal love and felicity, to sum in as few words as possible, it is the fulfilling of the whole law, "Love to God and love to man." Charity never faileth, as it is far beyond compare in excellence with the gifts of the Spirit, so it excels the other graces, faith and