

that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord." (James i. 6, 7.) Secondly, "as ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular;" if one member becomes affected the whole body will feel it. "Know ye not that a little leaven, leaveneth the whole lump." Hence care should be taken to "purge out the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump." "What, know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which ye have of God; and ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirits which are his." And Paul says again, "Furthermore then, we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye ought to abound more and more." (1 Thess. iv. 1.) "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit, and soul, and body, be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thess. v. 23.)

Readers permit me to add by the way (although unworthy) that unless "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable unto God by Jesus Christ," (1 Peter ii. 5,) you cannot overcome the world. "For this is the love of God; and his commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God, overcometh the world; and this the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

Perhaps there never was a time when the world was as much influenced by sectarian traditions as at present, and never a time when there was so much agitation and confusion as at present, in the christian world (so called), which is completely calculated to foster infidelity in the inquiring mind. "Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men." (Matt. v. 13.) "Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins." (James v. 20.) What then can we expect if the laws which regulate the christian constitution are violated, and it consequently become affected by conformity to the world and its various influences; will it possess health and vigor to give it strength to exercise that influence upon the world which at present is necessary. "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." (Gal. v. 1.) But to conclude, "Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I shall come upon thee. Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white; for they are worthy." (Rev. iii. 3, 4.)

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FAITH.—Many distinguish the belief of the head from the belief of the heart, as if a man could perceive a thing to be true with his head, which, in his heart, he perceived to be false: all its influence upon the heart and life, is the influence of truth believed. There is a wide difference between understanding the terms of a proposition and believing the truth of it.