

forward in the path of obedience, growing constantly in grace and in the knowledge and love of the Lord Jesus Christ. They crave the life more abundantly that will constrain and enable them to talk for Jesus. They desire the full and glorious liberty of the sons of God. They cry out for a deeper and more blessed rest in Christ, the rest of conscious safety, of humble faith, and of perfect love.

Now, beloved reader, what is the experience that they need and desire in comparison with what they have and profess? Is it not a higher Christian life? Is it not what, in New Testament phrase, we denominate "perfect love," or entire sanctification? How is this to be realized? We answer, by an entire consecration of ourselves to God, and an acceptance, moment by moment, of Christ as our full and perfect Saviour. Observe, first, by an entire consecration of ourselves to God,—that consecration, of course, including body, soul, life, talents, and everything. But just at this point some one will inquire for the difference between the consecration we made of ourselves at the time of our conversion, and the consecration that our entire sanctification calls for. This is an interesting question. The distinction, as we think, will develop in four particulars:

First difference—When we came to God for pardon we brought and offered powers that were dead, and only dead in trespasses and sins; but when we would realize the experience of entire sanctification, we consecrate powers that are permeated with the new life of regeneration. Hence, says an apostle, "Yield yourselves unto God as those who are alive from the dead." And again: "I beseech you, brethren, (he is addressing Christians,) that ye present your bodies," *i. e.*, your souls and bodies, a part being put for the whole, yourselves, "a living sacrifice." This is the first distinction.

Second difference—When we dedicated ourselves to the divine service at conversion we seemed to mass our offering, and said very sincerely and earnestly:

"Here, Lord, I give myself away,
'Tis all that I can do."