

spectre, sword in hand, boasting that none shall pass by him unslain. No one ever had escaped. Jesus enters the list. He bears the thrust of that awful sword, receives it, wrenches it from the grasp of sin, slays the slayer, and delivers the victims.' "Forasmuch as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also himself likewise took part in the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." That is God's plan of deliverance. God says: 'My only-begotten and well-beloved Son is He who will do this service for me and for you. He has done it to my satisfaction. The Lord is well pleased for His righteousness sake. I have accepted His sacrifice. Have you? Will you?'

That was the situation: how can a soul steeped in sin, stupefied with sin, outlawed by sin, be just with God? God's answer is, "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." And that is the Gospel according to Paul, for Jew, for Gentile, for the coarse-grained jailor, for the gentle Lydia, for Melita barbarians, for king Agrippa. That is the Gospel according to Paul for every human being. That is the only way Paul knows, back, and up and out of the pit. "I have been there," he says "down as deep as any man, I was the chief of sinners. I tried every way, every other way. Then God met me with His. It was the light of heaven across a path that led to hell. I turned and saw Jesus. I listened and heard God: Jesus is my way of peace for you. Will you accept him? I accepted, and have Him, and He has me. And nothing can ever separate us." "Therefore," he says, calmly, conclusively, incontestably, "We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom also we have access into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." A great inventory—faith, peace, stability, hope, joy, glory—what he had fought for, prayed for, persecuted for, and could not find, till he found Jesus Christ.

II.—SANCTIFICATION THROUGH THE SPIRIT.

From the first what a climb to the fifth chapter. The eager apostle in the heat of his argument seems almost out of breath. His sentences are great fragments of something so large and good that it cannot be described: just with God, at peace with God, access to His grace, a safe standing place; then glancing heavenward, he