

one of you " who repent, and, lest that word should be limited so as to exclude the little children of these believers, he makes plain its meaning by the added word, "For the promise is unto you and to your children."

From the mouth of Paul we have repeatedly the announcement of the same family principle. When the Philippian jailor asks, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved," so full is the apostle of the household character of the faith that he cannot answer so simple a question without introducing it. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved and thy house." The jailor took him at his word, and he and all his were baptized straightway. Lydia's household also was baptized. So was the household of Stephanus.

In beautiful keeping with the foregoing is Paul's word of encouragement given in cases where there was one believing parent and one unbelieving. Surely the children in such a household must be counted a mongrel flock, and must be considered outside the pale of the visible Church? Not at all. The words are as clear as