

peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." Sorrow and pain are fled away, and *sin has no more dominion* over them. Knowing they are *justified freely* through faith in Christ's blood, they "have peace with God, through Jesus Christ;" they "rejoice in the hope of the glory of God," and "the love of God is shed abroad in their hearts."

In this peace they remain for days, or weeks, or months, and commonly suppose they shall not know war any more, till some of their old enemies, their bosom sins, or the sins which *did* most easily beset them (perhaps anger or desire) assault them again, and thrust sore at them that they may fall. Then arises fear that they shall not endure to the end, and often doubt whether God has not forgotten them, or whether they did not deceive themselves in thinking their sins were forgiven. Under these clouds, especially if they reason with the devil, they go *mourning* all the day long. But it is seldom long before their Lord answers for himself, sending them the Holy Ghost, to *comfort* them, to bear witness continually with their spirits that they are the children of God. Then they are indeed *meek*, and gentle, and teachable, even as a little child. And now first do they see the ground of their hearts, which God before would not disclose unto them, lest the soul should fail before him, and the spirit which he had made. Now they see all the hidden abominations there, the depth of pride, self-will, and hell, yet having