

OF TRUTH." (James i. 18.) St. Peter's testimony is also to the same effect: "Being BORN AGAIN, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by THE WORD OF GOD which liveth and abideth for ever." (1 Peter i. 23.) Previously, in this chapter, the same Apostle states: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath BEGOTTEN US AGAIN unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." We are said to have been begotten again unto a lively hope by the resurrection, from the fact of its being the grand confirmation of the Gospel; the sublime miracle by which the Gospel was proved to be of God, and by which our faith in it is triumphantly and for ever vindicated. Thus we see that the word of God, applied to the conscience by the Holy Ghost, is the great and sole agency employed by God for the regeneration and salvation of man. In many ways that word may be brought before us; we may read it for ourselves, or faithful men may declare it in our ears, but in whatever way it reaches us, it is only the entrance of