

fire, that they might be rich, and white raiment, that they might be clothed, and that they should anoint their eyes with eye salve, that they might see."—(*Rev.* iii. 18.)

If you, dear reader, should be one of these, I would earnestly implore of you to draw near afresh to the Lord Jesus Christ. who is able to make all grace abound toward you; and then, instead of spiritual poverty, you will have the gold which has been tried in the fire; instead of the sorrow of estrangement, the joy of full communion; and being enriched by Him in all things, His strength will be made perfect in your weakness, so that you shall be "like a watered garden, and like a spring of water whose waters fail not."

Spiritual progress is Christ *increasing* and self *decreasing* in us. It is Christ abiding in us and we in Him. Self never casts out self, and therefore to eject self we must bring Christ in. Christ says: "If ye abide in Me and My words abide in you, ye shall ask *what ye will* and it shall be done unto you."—(*John* xv. 7.) Here then is the great condition of spiritual progress—Christ dwelling in