

ness; and that we do not with ardent longing press on to that state of perfect love in which the righteousness of the law shall be fulfilled in us! Holiness! why it is the glory of God, and the joy and security of the happiness of heaven. And shall man, and above all, Christians, be ashamed of it! O soul, how oughtest thou to hide thy spotted garments even from thine own sight, when thou hast had free access to the fountain that can make them whiter than snow! For it is not so much our shame that we *have been* sinners, as that we *are* sinners, in the presence of the blood, and the cross, and the living Saviour.

If we have been ashamed in the past of this glorious peculiarity, let us henceforward glory in it; considering that what perfect health is to the body—freedom from distress and pain, and the possession of vigor and abundant life, *that* holiness is to the soul—freedom from all the weakness, and pain, and misery arising from sin. Who will refuse this perfect soundness! Do you ask, “*Can I be made perfectly whole?*” Most certainly. Jesus Christ is able to heal thee. You say I have long mourned over my sins, and have sought in vain for this inward freedom and outward victory. Perhaps you have been like the sick man, long afflicted with a painful malady, because he had neglected the laws of health and the prescribed remedies; so you have not come to Jesus to be cleansed. Remember, it is Jesus Christ that maketh thee whole. And He sanctifies on the same condition that He justifies, viz., *repentance* and *faith*. There must be repentance for the sins of the past and the neglect of the great salvation; and there must be faith in the blood, for it is the blood that cleanseth. Do not be afraid to commit yourself, but embrace holiness by embracing Him who is its author; and you shall be kept from falling by the power of God, through faith. The same power that holds the sun in the heavens shall hold you in the pathway of light. And when the Holy Spirit testifies that the work has been wrought, *then* let your light shine before men, that they may glorify, not you, but your Father in Heaven. “Fear not, only believe.”

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A SURE HELPER.—How often we say, in great anxiety, “Who shall roll us away the stone?” and when we look again, behold “the stone is rolled away,” though it was very great. Every time God helps us out of a difficulty, we should return and give glory to him, and then go on our way with joy and fresh courage. We should often review the circumstances and see how God was at work for us, may be in distant places, at the very time of our trouble; how he was ordering events and disposing of men’s wills, so as to bring us just the help we needed. It is un-Christian to call these occurrences “chance” or “good luck.” “All our steps are numbered.” Let us learn to see God’s hand in all that befalls us. An old man who had been long engaged in business said, “I have had my ups and downs, but as I review my life, those things which I thought, at the time, most against me, have proved the best for me even temporally, besides teaching me submission to him who rules the world.”