

to the law and the testimony. I do not know how big this germ of faith is, but I know that Jesus says : " If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed ye would say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou rooted up, and be thou planted in the sea, and it would obey you." Luke xvii. 6. Again, in 1 Cor. xii. 8-9, we read : " To one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom, to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit ; to another faith by the same Spirit." If faith is a gift of the Spirit, how can it be the possession of every man ? Also, in Gal. v. 22, we read : " But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." Also Eph. ii. 8 : " By grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves ; it is the gift of God." The whole thing, and all its parts, faith included, is the gift of God. Also, Paul tells us distinctly in 2 Thess. iii. 2 : " All men have not faith." Which are we to believe ?—the Apostle Paul or Mr. Mills ? Again, in 1 Tim. i. 14, we read : " The grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love, which is in Christ Jesus." Also, 2 Peter i. 1. Peter writes to the Jews of the Dispersion as " to them that had obtained like precious faith with us." How could they obtain that which was theirs by nature ?

As regards this whole question, how any man who accepts the teaching of Scripture can read the opening chapters of Romans and not acknowledge the utter sinfulness of man by nature, I cannot understand. Yet I know that this fundamental doctrine is denied by many, and its rejection is the source of innumerable errors. When a student, I saw that this was a most important question, and therefore gave special attention to it. I knew that my views on this subject would of necessity influence all my other teachings ; therefore I searched the Scripture concerning it, and the more I searched the more I became convinced that lax and unscriptural views were prevailing. Accordingly, the first sermon I ever wrote, and the first I ever preached, was on this subject. Why ? Because I had no desire to sail under false colours. I wished to let every one who heard me know exactly where I stood as to this doctrine. I could never consent to be minister to a people who did not accept heartily that teaching. I have been minister of three congregations. In each of them I preached that sermon, so that there could be no doubt as to my views. Do you remember that sermon ? I preached it in old Coté Street Church sixteen years ago, and I stand by the truth there enunciated more firmly than ever. Do you ? Perhaps you have forgot the sermon—perhaps you have never heard it ;