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"I am the light of the world."  
"Preach the Gospel to every creature."—JESUS.

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## THE NATURE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT'S WORK.

That the Holy Spirit may be resisted is evident from Scripture, from observation and from experience. Stephen when addressing his unbelieving countrymen, his kinsmen according to the flesh, charged them with this crime of crimes when he said, "Ye stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did so do ye." Ever since that time multitudes who have heard the Spirit's testimony, and been plied with the influences, and eloquent, urgent pleadings of this Divine agent, have resisted his entreaties. Those who believe that the Holy Spirit is *irresistible*, have wrong views of the nature of his work, the nature of man, the nature of conversion, and the nature of God's moral government. The popular objections which are adduced by Calvinists against the doctrine of resistible grace, shew very clearly that they do not distinguish the kingdom of matter and physical forces, from the kingdom of mind and inducements, or motives.

Professor Guthrie in his excellent lecture on the work of the Holy Spirit, disposes in a masterly manner of three very common objections to the resistible nature of the Spirit's work, which we shall here give, as they are at once interesting, instructive, and convincing.

"1st. Here are two men sitting under the same sermon, on the same form, in precisely the same circumstances. One is converted, the other is not. How is this? I might deny that any two men can be in precisely the same circumstances, or that the same man could be in precisely the same state for two minutes in succession;