

with a sense of our guilt, and of the certainty of our pardon, if we submit to the terms prescribed. But those who exclude the direct influence of the Spirit from their theory forget that, owing to our natural blindness and alienation from God, we cannot be made either to contemplate or to perceive these facts without such influence. The Holy Ghost must first act on our minds, inclining us to the study of these facts, and giving them distinctness and life. And even then, however clear our view and steadfast our belief of the facts, our guilt can only be cancelled by an act of divine forgiveness, which, to be known and enjoyed, must be directly communicated to the mind, or there can be no peace.

It is also true of the processes of regeneration and sanctification, that they involve changes which cannot be accomplished except by the direct influence of a divine agent. By believing the truth we learn the fact of our impurity; we discern the