

nature of Christian perfection. And this principle of divine life is the Christian's strength, for through a diligent attention and obedience thereto, a qualification is furnished for every good word and work. And all who will abide in the patience and keep the faith will know the spirit to help their infirmities, and enable them to be more than conquerors through Him, who is the never-failing helper of the sincere and upright in heart.

To those, therefore, especially to the young, who, amid the confusion of voices crying, "Lo, here is Christ," or "Lo, He is there," are asking who is the Lord, that we may believe on Him. The reply is as to one formerly, "Thou hast both seen him, and He it is that talketh with thee." That which has made thee weary of self-seeking, has enabled thee to aspire after the higher life, is that which will also, as thou patiently inquires of it, lead thee every step of the way. I crave for others as well as myself, that when we are sensible of the light of the Lord shining in our hearts, giving us a knowledge of what he would have us to do, in order that we may enjoy communion with Him, we may be the willing recipients of the heavenly visitant, who will qualify and prepare us to sow the good seeds of truth and virtue that will spring up to everlasting comfort and joy, ever remembering that the basis upon which true peace of mind rests is the faithful performance of duties made known, a cheerful compliance with, and prompt submission to the requirements of truth. And all things beautiful will grow up in the mind thus trained; joy and gladness will be found therein, and sorrow and sighing on our own account will forever flee away. We cannot save ourselves from a single sin or lust, only as we turn to the principle of light and life in the soul, and rely upon it, avoiding what we know to be wrong and doing what we know to be right.

Here our spiritual perfections will

improve, the light will become clearer to our vision, and we shall be lead in a path the more natural creature cannot know, a path of purity and self-denial. By this purifying process, through the operation of divine grace, we shall be enabled to love all mankind, even our enemies, and it will be the chief desire and effort of the redeemed soul to promote the glory of God and the good of all men. What is from God leads to the highest good for ourselves, and for all those over whom we may have an influence. We may be called to a service that is hard to accept, but it will never be one that causes needless pain or sorrow to any, and if we are faithful we shall be used as instruments in the divine hand, and in unnumbered ways be made agents for the accomplishment of His divine purposes.

Are we only professors of the Christian name, or are we possessors of the Christ? Are we satisfied to receive our spiritual food through the instrument of a medium as fallible as ourselves, or do we desire to receive it from that source and fountain which Jesus taught his disciples is ever open to the truly needy?

The Scriptures are, indeed, a great blessing, a source of comfort and consolation, often confirming our feeble faith by the recorded expressions of those who were faithful to the work of their day, and the testimony of our fellow-travellers is very precious; but most to be desired, and most to be cherished, are the revelations of the divine will in each human soul, and in earnest confidence that this is the power that will lift us to the highest levels of heavenly peace. All who have entered into life by this door, realize the fullness of its riches. Here will be found strength in weakness, a present helper in every worldly difficulty, comfort in affliction, and the "treasures which neither moth nor rust can corrupt, nor thieves break through and steal," and the beauty which the soul receives by walking in this hidden