

spring out necessarily of a *lively* faith, are they a necessary consequence of faith *in general*?

5. Is there not a *dead* faith as well as a *lively* faith? and does not St. James give the former appellation to the faith which remaineth unproductive of good works?

6. Though good works, then, are the *natural* fruits of faith, are they the *necessary* fruits of faith, or fruits which follow of *necessity*?

7. If our faith should not be productive of good works, will our *admission* to the Christian covenant ensure our arrival at the completion of it? In other words, will the justification which takes place in the present life, ensure our everlasting salvation or happiness in the life *to come*?

8. Does not the Sixteenth Article declare that we *may* depart from grace and fall into sin?

9. Does the same Article say more than that "we *may* arise again and amend our lives?" and does it not thus imply that we may *not* arise again and amend our lives?

10. Does it not then follow from the Sixteenth Article, that justification leads not of *necessity* to everlasting salvation?

11. Is not then the performance of good works, a condition of everlasting salvation though not of justification, *viz.* as the term justification is used in St. Paul's Epistles and in our Articles? St. James takes it in a *different* sense; and therefore does not contradict St. Paul.

12. Are *conditions* of salvation incompatible with the doctrine, that salvation is the *free* gift of God? or must we not rather conclude from the very circumstance, that though, on the part of God, the gift is *free*, he may annex to the offer whatever conditions he may think proper to prescribe*?

13. Are not those conditions repeatedly declared in Holy Scripture?

14. Has not Christ himself declared that we are to be rewarded every man according to his own *works*,† and that they only who have done *good* shall come to the resurrection of life ‡?

* The word used by St. Paul, clearly shows that it is the *giver*, not the *receiver*, who is free from obligation.—See Rom. v. 15, 16.

† Matt. xvi. 27.

‡ John v. 29.