

were those who took everything in the light of Scripture, and as prompted by the Spirit of God.

Fanaticism has mixed itself with this experience ; self-deception has frequently been witnessed: but these proofs of human weakness are constant concomitants of everything that deeply stirs the human mind ; and once in a hundred thousand, perhaps, there is found an individual who seems to have passed into full salvation at the beginning of his religious career. But after all these remains the "great cloud of witnesses," to testify that having received justifying grace, they desired a "second blessing," and sought it by faith, and were abundantly satisfied, that having asked for bread they did not receive a stone. We are not of the number of those who sink the importance of justifying grace, in order to exalt the blessing of which we write. That perfect love is greater than justifying grace, is true *only* because, but simply because it *includes* that grace. It is greater as a complete thing is greater than an incomplete.

And yet, we are far from desiring to press all possible experiences into one mould. The minds of human beings are almost infinitely diversified in character. There are the intellectual, who are also emotional ; there are the intellectual, whose emotions are almost nothing ; and there are those whose emotions always rule them ; there are those whose imagination predominates, and those who have scarcely any trace of that faculty ; those who receive premonition in dreams and otherwise, and those to whom such things appear silly and superstitious. There are men of lofty and heroic enthusiasm, like Paul ; of hearty and impulsive readiness of speech, and act like Peter ; satirical Jameses, who keenly see the shadows of human character ; and sceptical Thomases, who must see and feel before they believe. Add to this the endless variety in the quality and amount of moral and theological education producing special biases, prejudices and aptitudes. With such differences in the moulds, we may naturally expect differences in the castings. Yet all these variations have been found amongst those witnesses above cited and mentioned, and under the sanctifying power of the same Spirit, a wonderful and beautiful agreement in experience has been the result.

Does inbred sin trouble the reader ? Then remember first, that God hates sin in all its forms, and remember again that "Christ Jesus was manifest to *destroy* the works of the devil."