

St. John speaks of, when multitudes came to his baptism: he opened his mouth and said unto them, "I indeed baptize you with water, but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose, he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." Then man is the first of creation renewed, after this there will be a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness; if all things become new there is not one sentence to be found in all the sacred scriptures of a new hell.

*Question.* I must acknowledge that the position you now occupy is something new and singular, but that does not yet go to prove that man will be eventually saved. You urge that they are purified by the refiner's fire, and made clean from all filthiness by the fuller's soap: here we are yet in a chaos of doubt not knowing what becomes of them afterwards?

*Answer.* I am fully persuaded that a person who has been raised on the lap of superstition, as I have been once myself, finds it a hard undertaking to divest himself of the prejudices instilled into the youthful mind, and that at an age when the mind is not susceptible of judging what is right or what is wrong. But your question is, what becomes of men after they undergo the foregoing purification by the refiner's fire and fuller's soap; upon this ground I will refer you to the 3rd chapter of 1st Corinthians and read for yourself, where the inspired penman declares, that every man's work shall be made manifest, for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire, and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is, if any man's works shall abide which he hath built thereupon he shall receive a reward; if any