

SECTION VII.

It does appear that a sense of indwelling sin is consistent with a lively exercise of faith, and even a knowledge of our interest in Christ Jesus.

The Apostle Paul was deeply exercised with the sense of remaining corruption, when he exclaimed, "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" Nevertheless, in this his faith in Christ is so strong, that he takes hold on the great Gospel privilege of freedom from sin and condemnation, and assures himself that, through the strength of the Redeemer, he shall obtain a complete and final deliverance from the guilt, the filth, the power, the presence, and pollution of sin.

It may be well to observe the manner and circumstances of the apostle's applying these great privileges to himself. It was attended with a deep sense of the corruption of his nature, of the moral evil and danger of it. A person exercised with a deep sense of the exceeding sinfulness of sin and indwelling corruption, is truly a fit subject for these privileges. For it is no less matter of comfort for him to know that in due time he shall be delivered from sin and indwelling corruption, than to be