

there is any such thing as spiritual sensation, or ought to be experienced like feeling Christ within them. But, alas! to what a dreadful condition would such reduce us! even to the state of the abandoned heathens, who St. Paul tells us, were past feeling. But the same apostle plainly declares, that as God is not far from every one of us, so, if haply we feel after him, he will be found of us. And again he teaches, that our Lord and Head is not untouched with the feeling of our infirmities, and that we ought also to have our several senses exercised, to discern good from evil. I may add here also, that, in our office for the visitation of the sick, the minister prays, that the Lord may make the sick person know and feel that there is no other name given under heaven to man, in whom, and through whom he may receive health and salvation, but only the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For there is a spiritual as well as a natural or corporeal feeling. And though this is not communicated to us in such a sensible manner as outward objects affect our outward senses, yet it is as real as any outward sensations, and its proper objects may be as truly felt and discerned by the soul, as any other can be felt by the body; all that are born again of God know that I lie not.

What think ye, sirs, did Naaman feel when he was cured of his leprosy! did the woman feel virtue coming out of Jesus Christ, when she touched the hem of his garment, and was cured of her disease! so surely mayest thou feel, O sinner, when Jesus dwelleth in thy heart. I pray God to make you all to know and feel this, ere you depart hence, and for evermore!

Oh! my brethern, my heart is enlarged towards you! I trust I feel something of that hidden but powerful presence of Christ, which I am preaching to you. Indeed it is sweet, indeed it is exceeding comfortable. All the harm I wish you, that without cause are my enemies, is, that you felt the like. Believe me, though it would be hell to my soul to return to a natural state again, yet I would willingly change states with you for a little while, that you might feel what it is to have Jesus Christ dwelling in your hearts by faith, - Oh,