

Christ than they confessed Christ and began to minister to His servants. When the disciples at Jerusalem were, by the persecution which arose at the death of Stephen, scattered abroad, they went everywhere preaching the Word.

Now what we claim is, that wherever the gospel has been faithfully preached, these results have been realized in all who believe. All down the ages it has made good its promises. If a remedy is successful, wherever it is faithfully used, what other evidence do we need of its efficacy?

This argument is cumulative in its character, gathering strength with the increase of the number who have experienced the power of the gospel, and can "set to their seal that God is true." If the argument from eye-witness seems to grow weaker with the lapse of time, this grows stronger. It is like a river receiving new accessions in its course, which rolls on from age to age with growing volume and strength.

When Peter stood up on the day of Pentecost to preach the first sermon under the new dispensation, he was fully persuaded of the truth of the gospel, but his conviction could not have rested on the observed results of its power, when accompanied by the outpouring of the Spirit. But before that day was ended, a new line of evidence opened to his mind. He saw three thousand delivered at once from the bondage of guilt and sin, entering consciously into the liberty and joy of a higher life. In the apostolic age, these results seem to have uniformly attended the acceptance of the gospel. John speaks of Christians as those who "have passed from death unto life." Paul affirms that if any man is in Christ Jesus he is