

and it is the only principle powerful enough to overcome the world, purify the heart, and withstand the devil. "Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?" It must do this for us here in this life; otherwise we shall have neither part nor lot in the kingdom of God. Whence have arisen those mistakes as to the nature and extent of Christian holiness? Whence comes it to pass that so many have the name of Christ, but manifest no likeness to the example he has set them? It must be that they wholly overlook or under-rate this expulsive and expansive principle of faith and love. For what say the Scriptures—that nothing can be done without Christ, without his spirit; and that the fruit of that spirit is the test of true discipleship. They tell us that Christ bore our sins, in his own body, on the tree; that we, being dead to sin, should live unto righteousness; that he died for us that we should live to him. When St. Paul stated to the Corinthians, that he determined to know nothing among them but Christ, and Him crucified, he stated plainly, not merely the subject of his preaching, but the principles of morality which he every where taught, and which should ever prevail in the Church of Christ; holding forth Christ at once as the object of faith to be loved, and the example to be imitated and followed. We are mistaken, my brethren—I feel we are too often—in our standard of moral duty, and in our estimate of Christian obligation. We look not enough to Christ as our example, because we feel not enough our obligations for our redemption; and we feel not this, because we pray not enough to see our sin, our condition naturally, and the glorious liberty by the which he has set us free from the bondage of corruption. The soul that most clearly perceives the