

and support. And we beseech you, brethren, to hold fast the truth; bind it to your hearts; seek daily for more of that spirit which ever animated the bosom of the dear Redeemer; and never forget, in your zeal to open the eyes of others, that you were once in darkness yourselves. A gradual developement of sunlight is the order of nature—and nature never errs. Were the eye, long covered with a film, immediately exposed to the meridian sun—pain and anguish, and perhaps total loss of sight, would be the consequences. Think of this, and give to your friends and neighbors, whose mental eye has long been darkened with the doctrines and commandments of men, a gradual exhibition of the pure gospel.

Friends, you who have not become followers of the Lamb, read the scriptures attentively, believe their facts, obey their commands, and you will know what it is to rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

EDITOR.

BORN AGAIN.

"Except a man be born of water and the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." John iii. 5.

The subject before us is one of the greatest importance. It is intimately connected with the present and future happiness of every individual of the human race. Earthly kingdoms and crowns are as the small dust of the balance in comparison. Reader, are you in the kingdom, concerning which the Saviour addressed Nicodemus? Have you been born again? Do the *three* earthly witnesses—the spirit, the water, and the blood, testify that you are born from above. If you answer in the affirmative—if this in reality is your situation, you have a noble birth—you are born to a high destiny—you are a citizen of no mean city; for the kingdom of which you are a member will break in pieces and consume all other kingdoms, and shall stand forever! As a citizen, then, of Christ's kingdom, act well your part, so that when the king shall make his appearance to immortalize his subjects, in order to admission into his everlasting kingdom, we may hail his coming with joy and rapture. But, perhaps you only imagine that you are in the Church, when in reality you are not! Examine the subject carefully: your present decision may fix your eternal destiny. Momentous consideration! Let us then approach the subject with hearts open to conviction. "Come let us reason together." Reader, do you believe the divine record? Will you bow with deference to its decisions? or will you rather be guided by the opinions you have formed of the record? What say you, "I believe the record—I will bow to the oracles of God. What that teaches on all subjects connected with my faith and practice shall be final with me. My conclusions relative to the teaching shall be drawn by a careful comparison of its contents. My own reasoning shall be laid aside, when it is not fully and fairly sustained by the Word of God. In a word, I am ready to hear what God the Lord shall say!" Are these your conclusions? We rejoice to hear them! Thou art not far from the kingdom of God." Give to