

which makes a partizan saint of a very wicked sinner.

And while he is taught to speak of "*our church*," "*our people*," "*our ministers*," "*our doctrine*," "*our policy*," and "*our experience*" he is taught likewise to entertain what is called charitable feelings toward some others who differ 'in points of doctrine' and "in ecclesiastical polity;" and especially to exercise charity toward those who are "charitable" to him and to 'our church.'

His feelings are evidence to him that he has obtained pardon. "*I feel that my sins are forgiven*"—"I am assured by my *experience* that I obtained pardon"—are proof positive with him that he is a child of God.

Standing upon the foundation that God has laid in Zion, having received the Lord's word and submitted to his authority, he enjoys the love of the Father, the grace of the Lord Jesus, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

The philosophic and aristocratic partizans are entitled to respect so far as to describe them and to set forth their peculiarities and habits, which will occupy us in coming Numbers. The ecstatic partizan, also, has marks and signs of his origin and character, exhibited after his creation, which demand emphatic notice. It is more than time that the clear contrast between partizans and followers of the Lord should be familiarly described and boldly delineated. Who expects that the partizans themselves will give us thanks for these plain, blunt, matter-of-fact exposures?

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THE LAW.

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The Law is a term frequently occurring in scripture. Some say the law is done away; others say it is still in force. Each party quote scraps of scripture in support of their conflicting opinions. Many of the people are bewildered in a mist on this subject, and sometimes set by the ears against one another. Articles appeared in our periodicals from time to time which gave what seemed to me to be an unsound view of the law. The present volume of the Christian Banner, (1854,) is not free of these. I waited long in expectation that an abler hand than myself would take up this subject and