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 FAITH'S BANK NOTE.
 

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Many sincere seekers of heart purity are puzzled to know how they are to exercise faith for this grace, and believe they *are* saved, while yet no inward consciousness of the fact is felt or experienced. Attention to the philosophy of the gospel method will, I think, very quickly relieve all such of their doubts, and satisfactorily assure them there is a firm and immovable foundation for their faith. God has given to faith his note-of-hand, payable to the order of "him that believeth."

We are not saved by *conscious* power, or inward manifestation, when saved by "faith." This would be contradiction. "Faith is the substance (subsistence—what it lives on) of things *hoped for*." Now, if faith is *conscious* salvation, the soul would no longer "hope for" it; for then it would be no longer faith.

The distinction hinted at in the caption of this article will make the matter clear. Saved by faith is salvation by *promise*. The trust of the earnest seeking soul is in the word or promise of God; and on this it implicitly relies as a man of business on the *unpaid* but perfectly trustworthy check or note of hand of his friend, whose ability and integrity of character are undoubted in the community.

He has "presented his body a living sacrifice;" he has confessed and utterly renounced the sinfulness of his heart; and yet he is not cleansed. What now is he to "believe?" Why, undoubtedly this, the word of the Lord: "*Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean; from all your idols and from all your filthiness will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. . . I will also save you from all your uncleanness.*" Ezek. xxxvi : 25, &c. Is this promise, so full and comprehensive, true? Does the Lord really mean to do all this in a man? Can any one doubt it who believes that Jehovah at any time speaks truth? Mark how explicit and personal the language "*I will sprinkle you—I will save you—I will put my spirit in you.*" Now, if this were a check for so many dollars, from a human friend of undoubted ability,