

A REPLY.

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PAMPHLET ON THE PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS,

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First extract from TREATISE :—

"By a 'Saint' is not meant a perfectly holy person, for there is not such a one on earth."

REPLY.—A saint should be a holy person. Christ commanded His followers to be holy, and in His sermon on the mount He said, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

Christ has purchased a complete salvation from all sin. He is able to save unto the uttermost all that come unto God by Him. We are told to reckon ourselves dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God; and we read, "Without holiness no man can see the Lord." Death cannot make us holy. As the tree falls, so it must lie. As death leaves us, so judgment will find us.

TREATISE.—By a saint is understood a real Christian, one who has been born again.

REPLY.—One who has been born again will be regenerated. Those things which he once loved now he hates. Sin is distasteful to him, and he will flee from it. In such a person perfect sanctification is begun, and if he goes forward he will never backslide, or fall from grace.