

achievements are ascribed to it. By it weak things are said to be made mighty. Miracles have been wrought by it. It has held the laws of nature in mysterious suspension. It has invaded the grave, and wrung victories from the tyrant Death ! It has even won the harder conquest of sin in the human heart, and restored to fallen man the lordship of himself. Imperious passion, furious propensity, the obstinate will, and wayward affections, have all confessed its power. Fear has ceased to agitate the breast, guilt to gnaw the conscience, and shame to tinge the cheek, in its presence. By it even depravity has let go its fearful grasp on the human spirit, and the fallen, weakened, spotted captive, man, has risen to liberty, purity, strength and honor. It has raised him from the deepest depths of degradation to the purest heights of holiness, and to a throne in heaven.

How precious, yea, how unspeakably precious, therefore, is faith ! How poten-