

shall grant him his discharge, and say, "well done, thou good and faithful servant;" and that every member of the Church shall feel equally with the Minister, that he is enlightened to give light; that he is pardoned, adopted, renewed, sanctified, made complete in Christ that he may witness and labour for Christ. The obligation is commensurate with the blessing throughout the whole membership of the Church. "For none of us liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord; whether we live therefore or die, we are the Lord's." Did these convictions control, and this spirit actuate every Minister and member of our Church, what power would there be in all its ministrations and services, in all its meetings and counsels; what songs of salvation would be heard in all its habitations, what mighty victories would be achieved, and golden harvests gathered in all the fields of its conflicts and culture! The whole Church then would be "fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners."

7. The first step towards becoming the subject of such "workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works," the attainment of such Divine love and anointing power, the cultivation of such graces, and the prosecution of such labours, is doubtless the daily and devout study of God's word, as the rule of action, faith and practice and making it—especially the Gospels and epistles of the New Testament—the standard of one's every day feelings, experience and conduct, and rightly testing one's self by this scriptural standard, by which we must all be weighed and judged at the last day. This Bible Christianity,* by which every believer learns God's will and communes with Him from day to day in His own word, and worships Him without any interposing priest "through one mediator," and is himself a "royal priest unto God," offering up "spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ," "entering into the

*"We ascribe it to nothing but the revealed will of God, that those Kingdoms of the earth, which bow at the name of Jesus have vastly outstripped in civilization every other, whether ancient or modern. If you search for the full development of the principles of liberty, for the security of property, for even handed justice, for the rebuke of gross vices, for the cultivation of social virtues, and for the diffusion of the generous care of the suffering, you must turn to lands where the cross has been erected—as though Christianity were identified with all that is fine in policy, and lofty in morals, and permanent in greatness. Yea, as though the Bible were a mighty volume, containing whatever is requisite for correcting the disorders of States, and cementing the happiness of families, you find that the causing it to be received and read by the people, is tantamount to the producing a thorough revolution including equally the palace and the cottage—so that every rank in society, as though there had been waved over it the wand of the magician is mysteriously elevated, and furnished with new elements of dignity and comfort."—*Melville*.