

IV. DEMONOLOGY.

The teaching of the epistle regarding demonology is very distinct, and we are told that there is a great spirit world near us against the forces of which we must contend. If the spiritual power placed at our disposal is great, great also is the demon power against which we have to contend. All the power of hell is arrayed against us in the fight : VI. 12, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

V. ETHICS.

The Ethical teaching of the epistle is very full.

A. Different classes of persons mentioned :

The epistle deals with men and women in their different relations as husbands, wives, children, servants, masters. If the precepts of the epistle were universally obeyed by Christians to-day we would not hear of the need of "Applied Christianity." Family life would be sweeter; socialism would find no soil on which to grow. The more I study

the matter the more I feel that the principles of a true sociology lie not with Karl Marx but with St. Paul.

B. St. Paul also enters into details as to the Christian's daily life, and He tells us what sins must be avoided : Lasciviousness, anger, lying, stealing, corrupt communication, bitterness, wrath, clamour, evil-speaking, fornication, covetousness, foolish talking, jesting, drunkenness. The epistle, indeed, furnishes us with a guide-book for our daily walk and conversation.

C. Virtues to be practised.

Further, the apostle gives an outline of the virtues to be practised by the Christian. These are : Truth, honest toil, kindness, tenderness, forgiveness, walking in love, walking as children of the light, goodness, righteousness, truth, redeeming the time.

D. The Armour of the Christian.

Lastly, the Apostle rounds off His ethical teaching by enumerating the several portions of the Christian's armour : Truth, Righteousness, The Gospel, Faith, Salvation, God's Word and Prayer.

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